

PARENTAL ADVISORY
WARNING
EXPLICIT CONTENT

The background features a traditional Japanese town at sunset or sunrise, with wooden buildings, cherry blossoms, and falling petals. In the foreground, Rimuru (left) and Holo (right) are shown from the waist up. Rimuru has light purple hair and is wearing a brown vest over a white shirt. Holo is a tan-colored wolf girl with long blonde hair, red eyes, and a white dress decorated with pink flowers.

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ISUNA HASEKURA

ART:
KEITO KOUME

CHARACTER DESIGN:
JYUU AYAKURA

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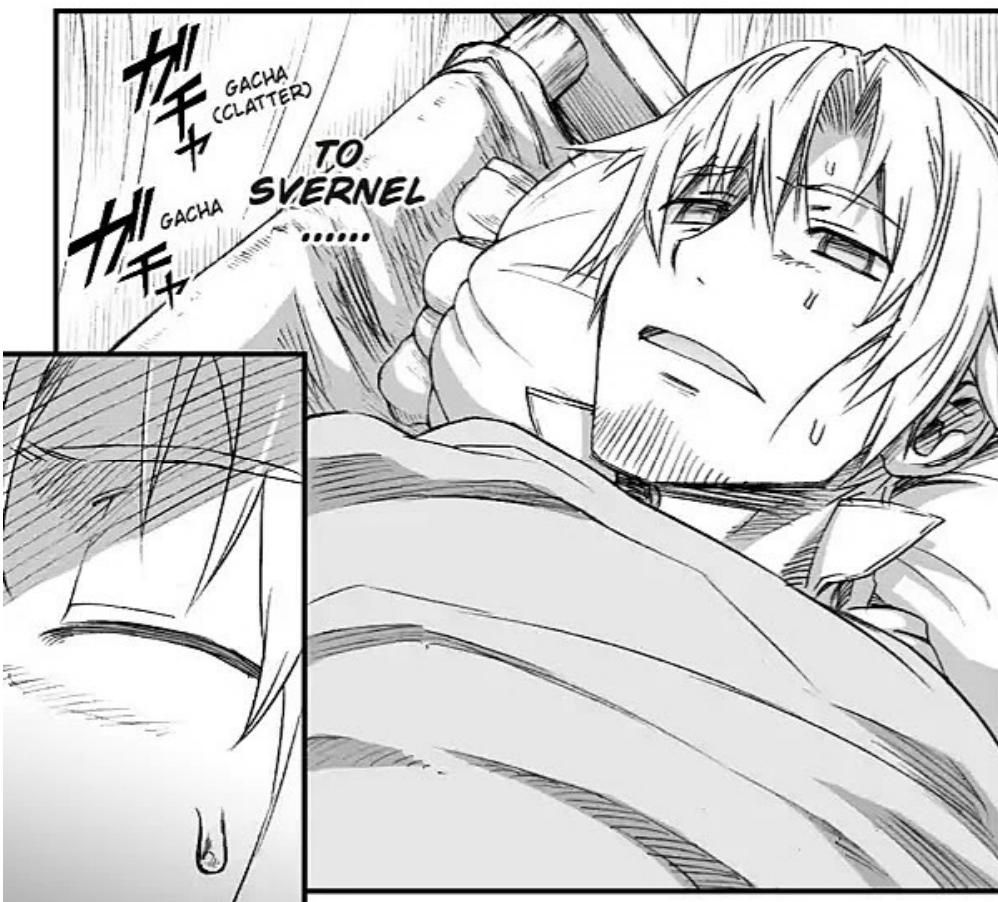
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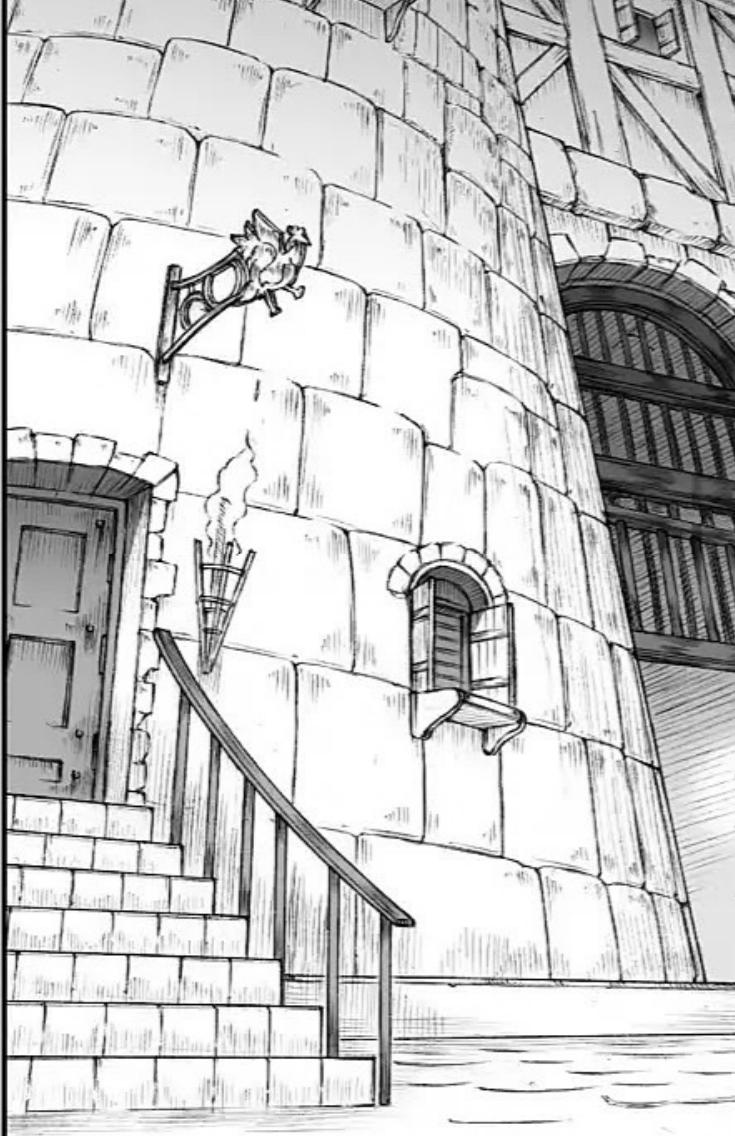
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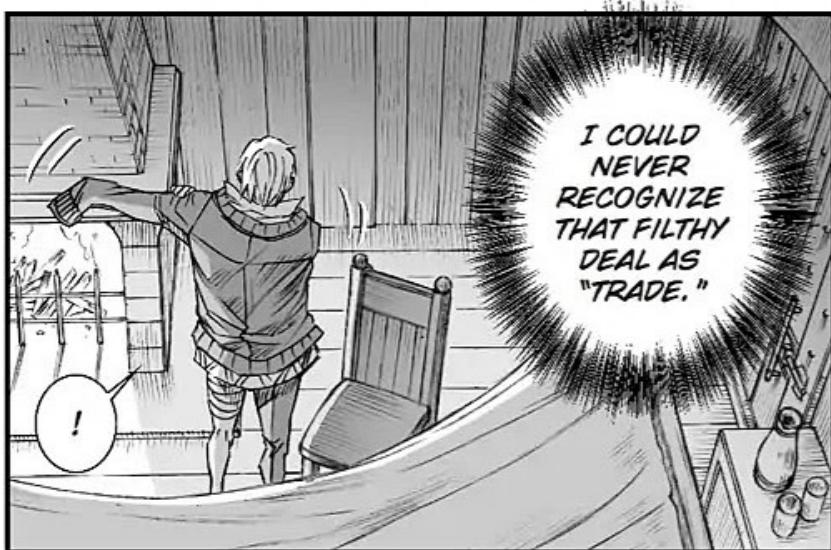


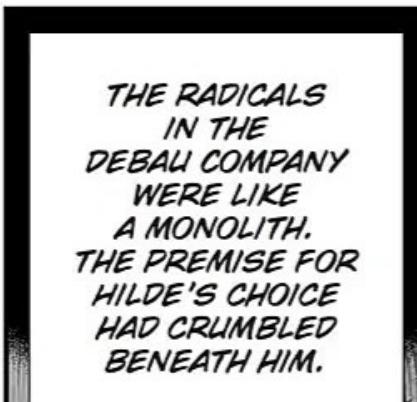
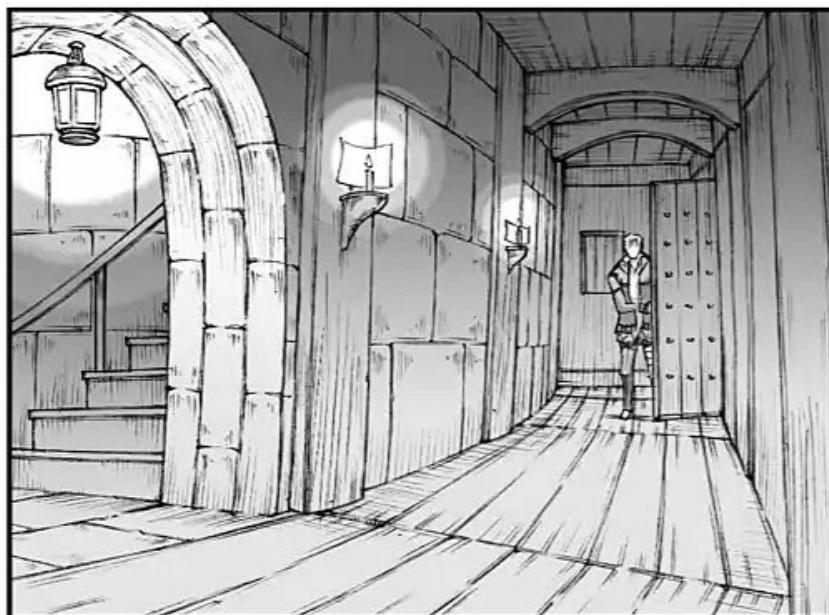






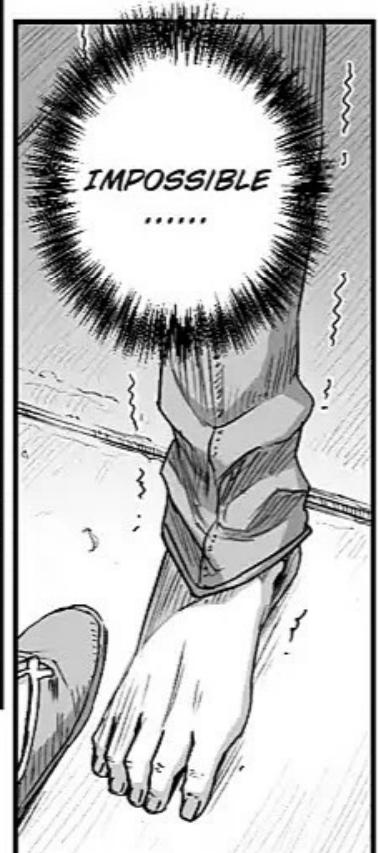






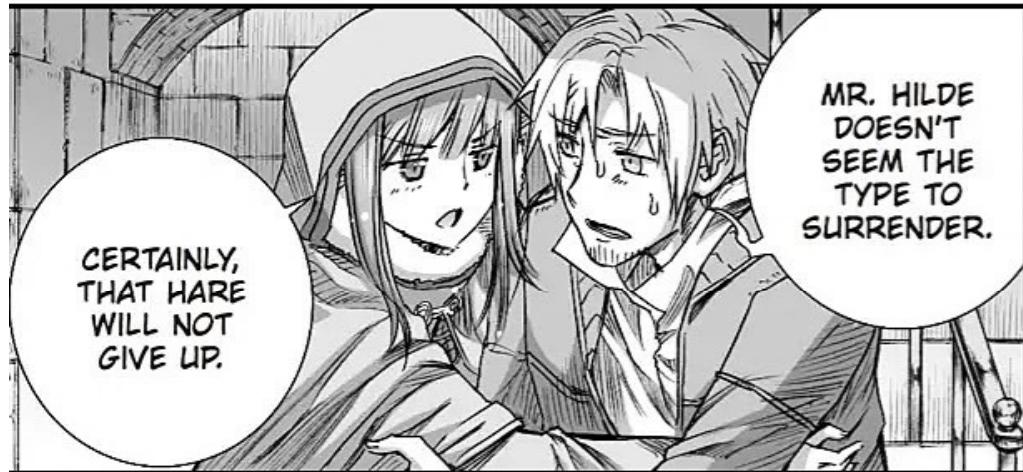






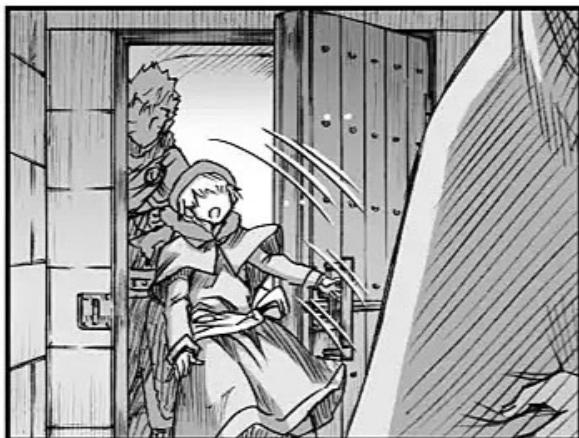
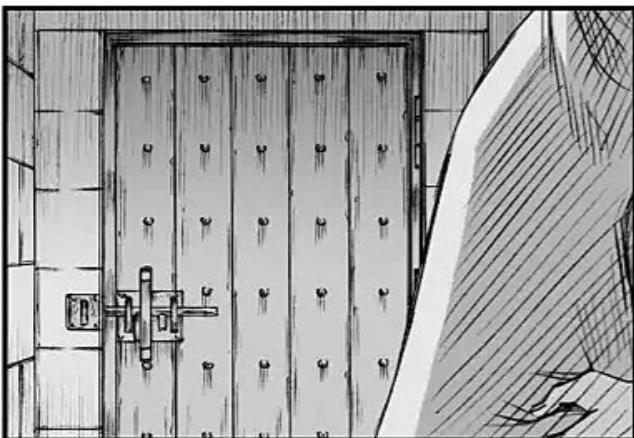


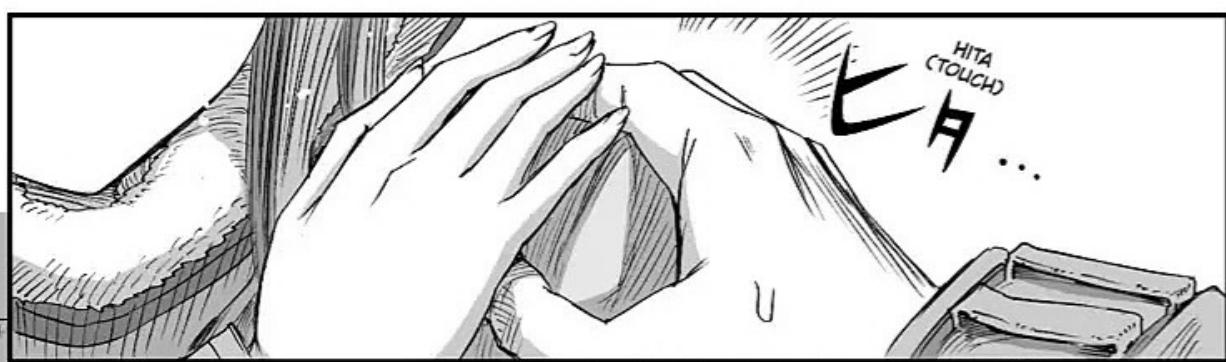
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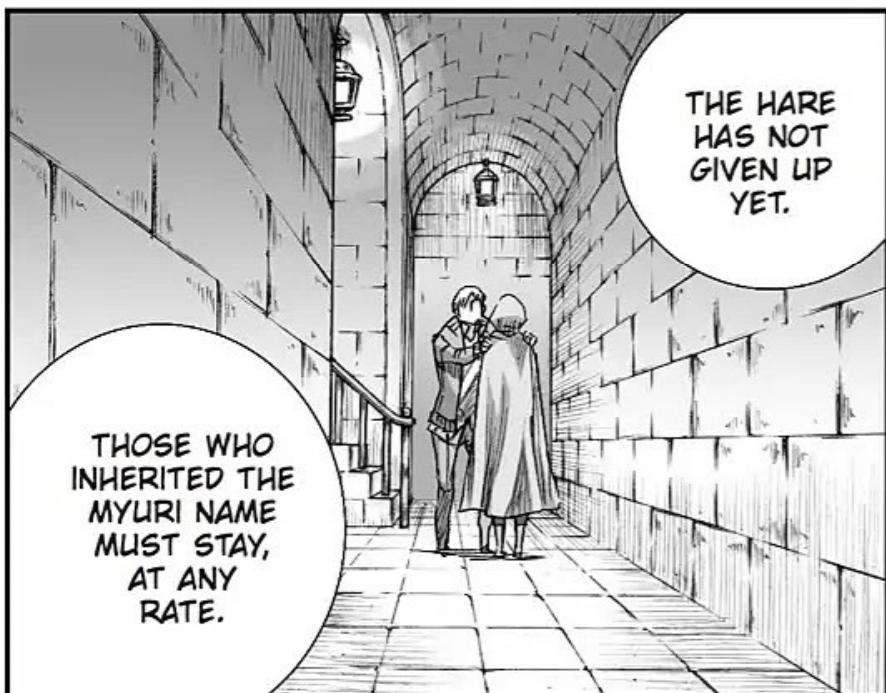




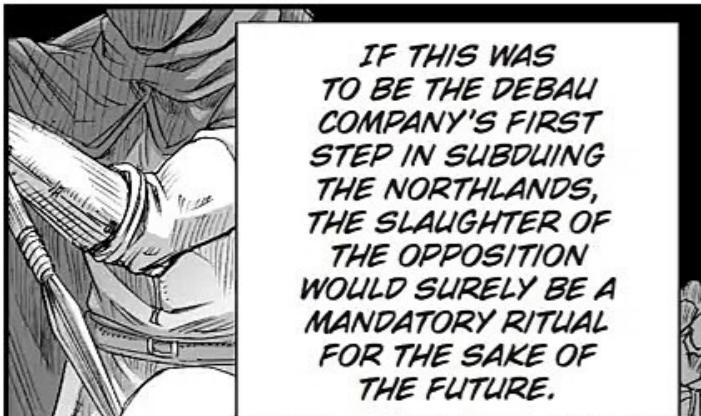
WHAT WERE
THEY DOING,
THEN?













WHAT
...?



I HAVE
COME UP
WITH A
NAME.



DID YOU
NOT SAY
YOU WANTED
TO OPEN A
SHOP?

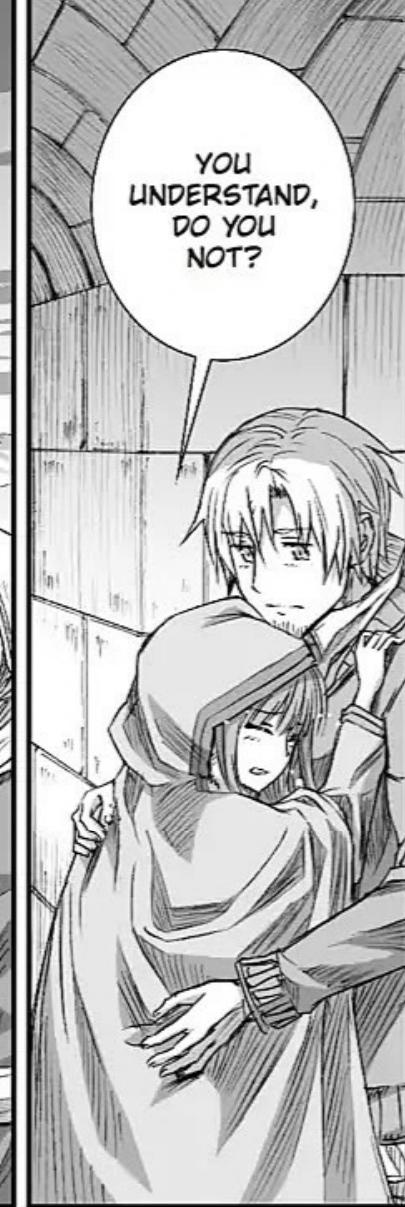


I HAVE
DECIDED TO LIVE
PLEASANTLY
WITH YOU, AT
YOUR STORE.



DID YOU
NOT SAY YOU
WANTED ME
TO THINK
OF A NAME
FOR IT?







EVERYTHING
FROM NOW ON
IS FOR THE
FUTURE.

EVERYTHING
UNTIL NOW
HAS BEEN
TO OBTAIN
ME.

...
REGRETS
...?

YOU HAVE
REGRETS, DO
YOU NOT?

ARE
THOSE IDEAS
TRULY WHAT
YOU WISH TO
PROTECT?

BUT IS
THAT TRULY
WHAT YOU
WISH TO CLING
TO ON THE
INSIDE?

EVEN I KNOW
WHAT YOU ARE
ANGRY ABOUT
AND WHAT
YOU CANNOT
FORGIVE AFTER
SEEING SUCH A
SPECTACLE.
YOU ARE
SOFT-
HEARTED.





IF
SO...

GAINS
CAME WITH
RESPONSIBILITY.

I WISH
TO LIVE A
QUIET LIFE
WITH YOU.

...THEN
WHY DID YOU
TAKE MY HAND
ALL THOSE
TIMES?

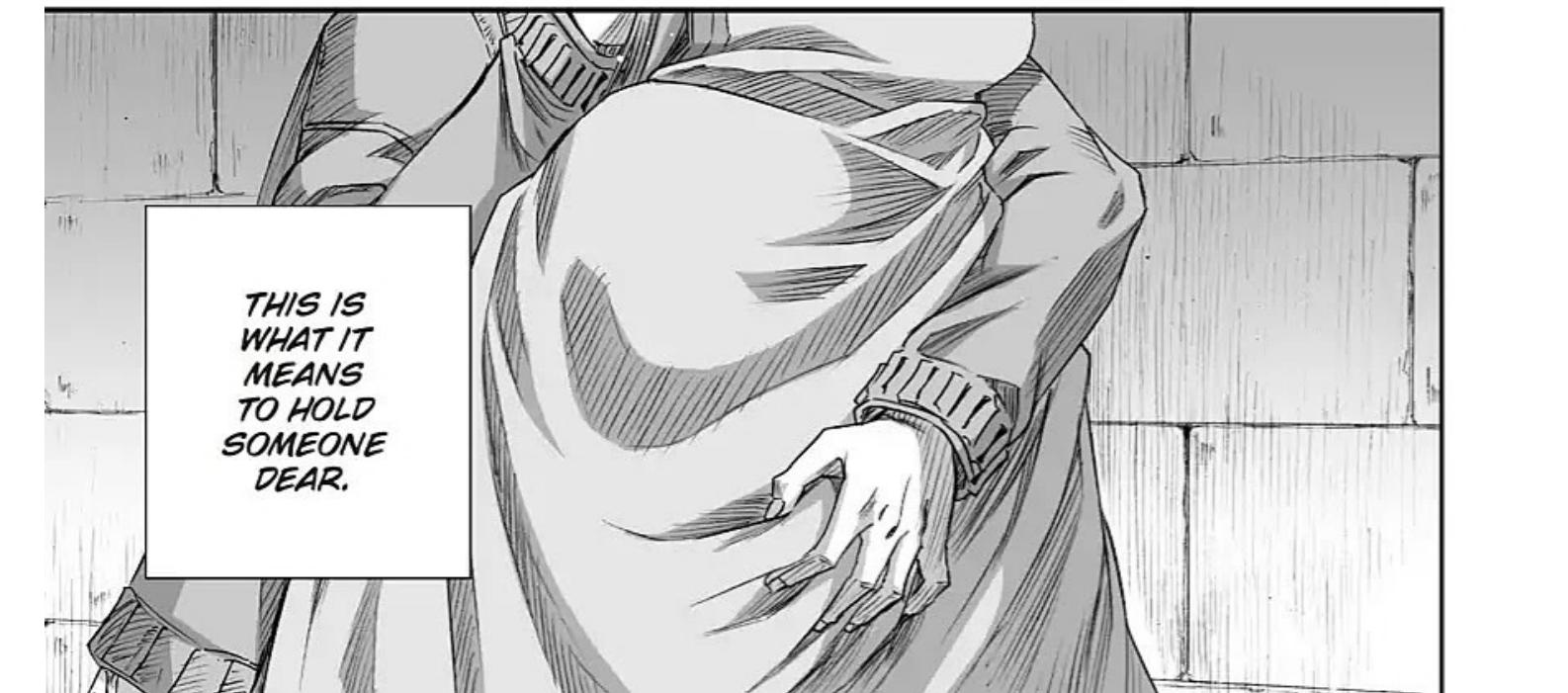


CARRYING
OUT MINOR
TRADE IN
A SMALL
SHOP...

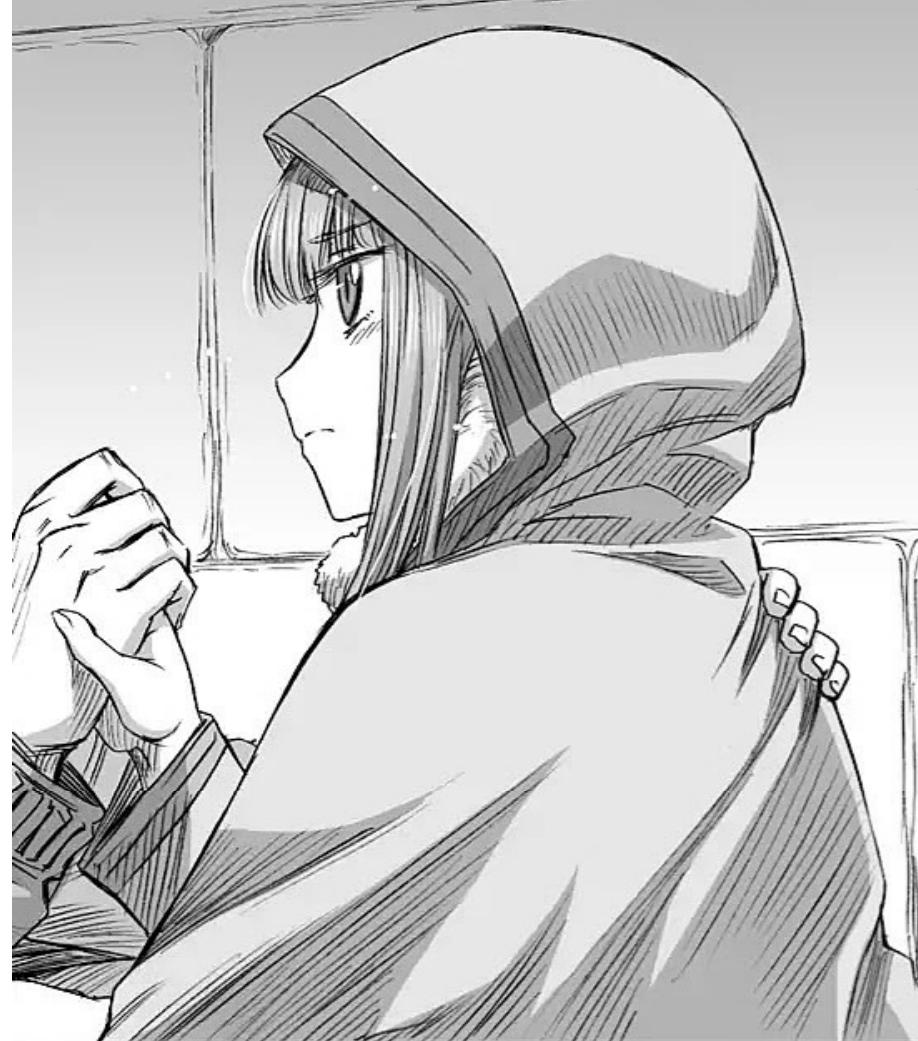
...WHILE
SOMETIMES
FEELING A PANG
IN MY HEART
WHEN I THINK
BACK ON THIS
DECISION...



...AND
YET LEADING
A CALM DAILY
LIFE WITHOUT
ANY PARTICULAR
DISCONTENT.

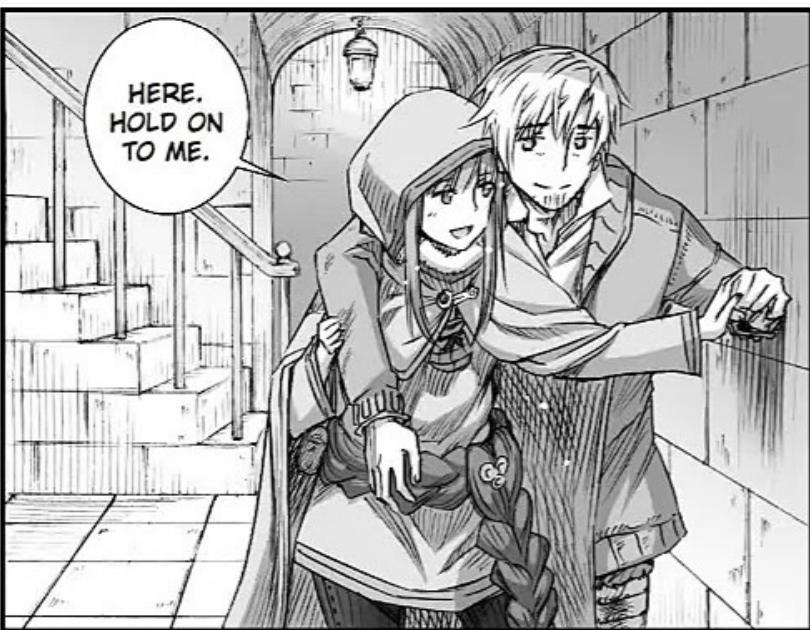


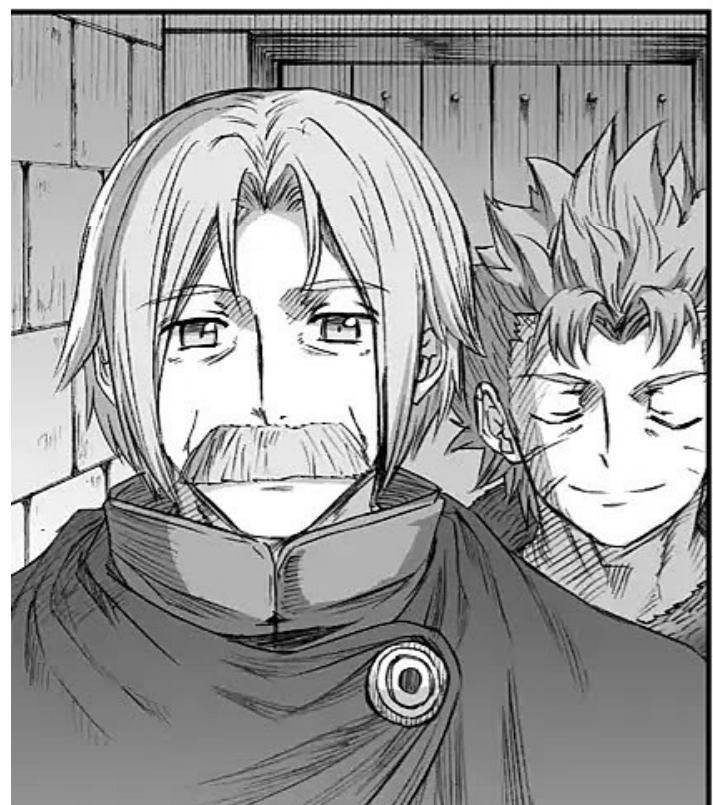
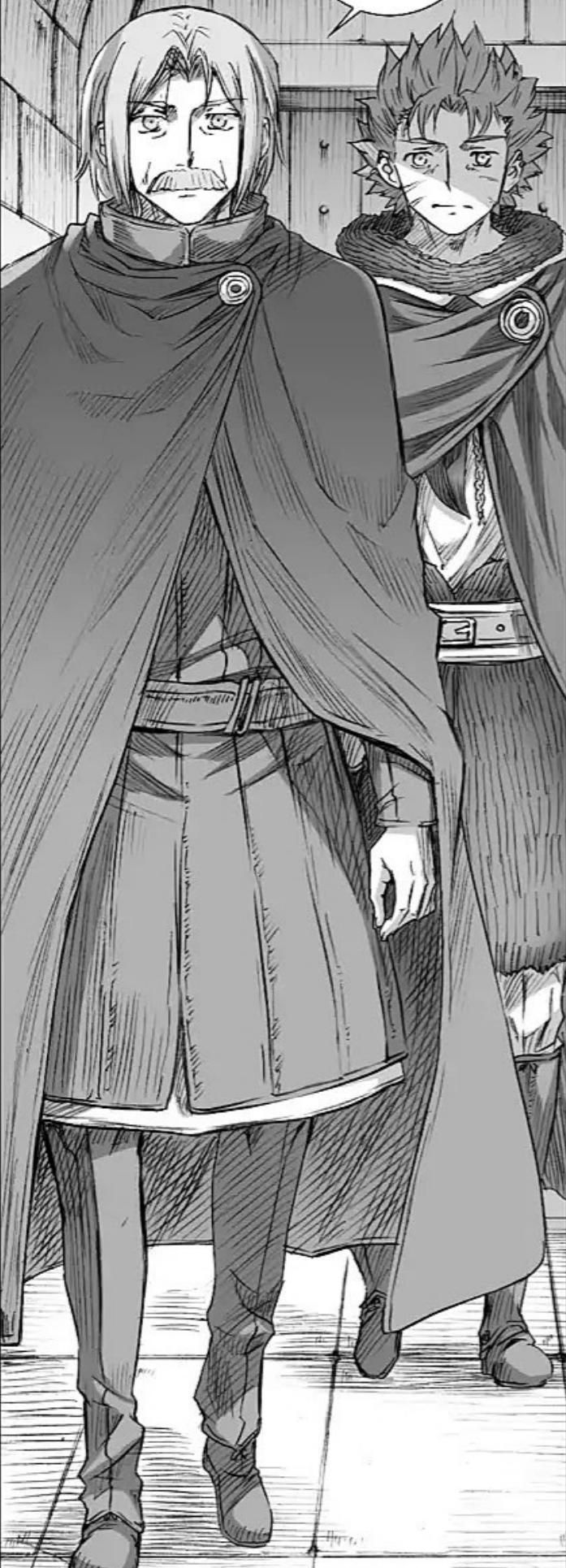
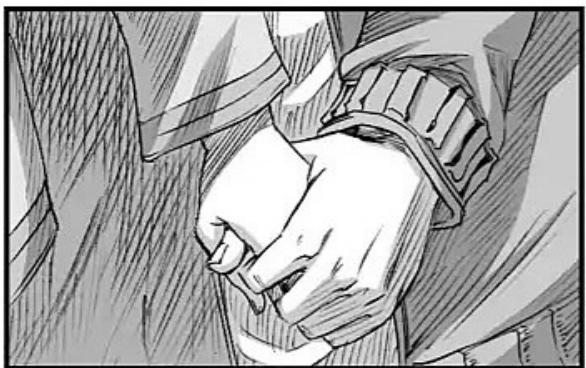
THIS IS
WHAT IT
MEANS
TO HOLD
SOMEONE
DEAR.

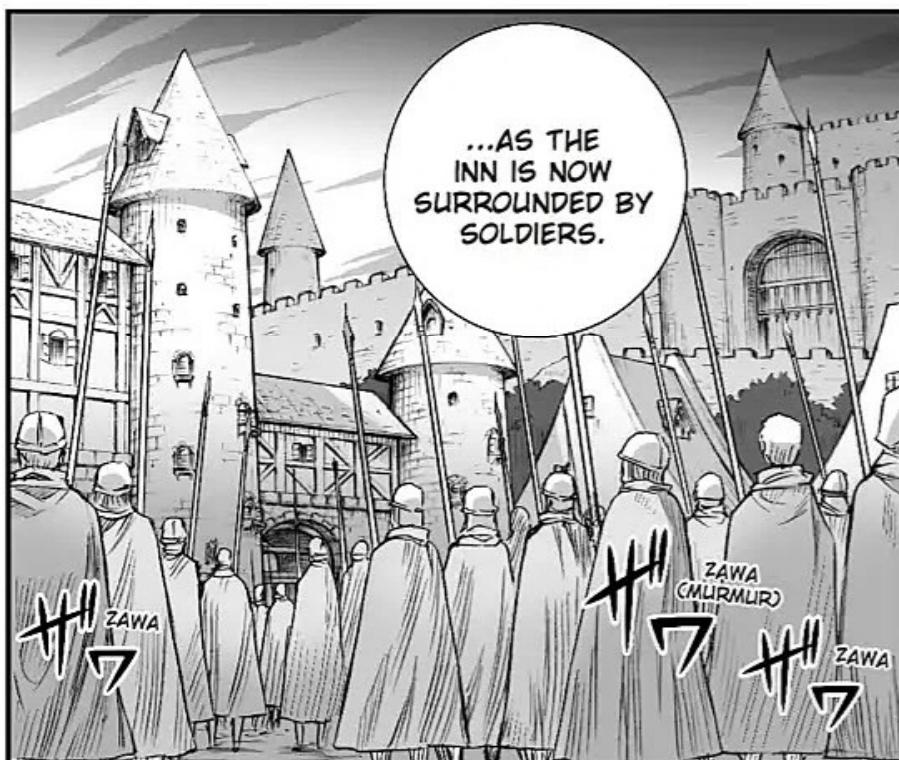




AT THAT
MOMENT,
MY LONG
AND LONELY
JOURNEY
CAME TO
AN END.











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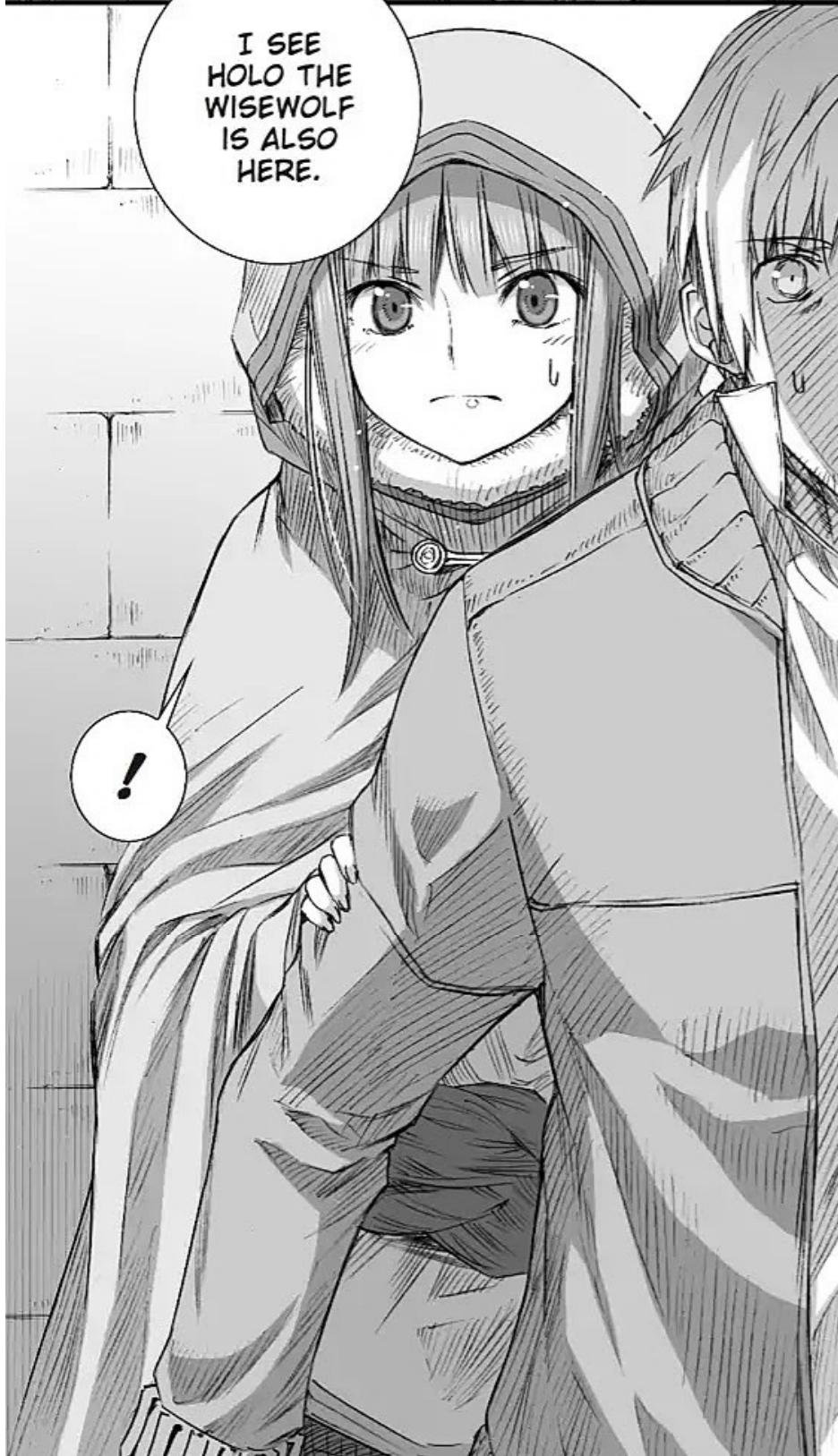
I SPOTTED
THE ONE WHO
ADMINISTERS
THE TOWN IN
THE NAME OF
THE COUNCIL
RIDING THIS
WAY.







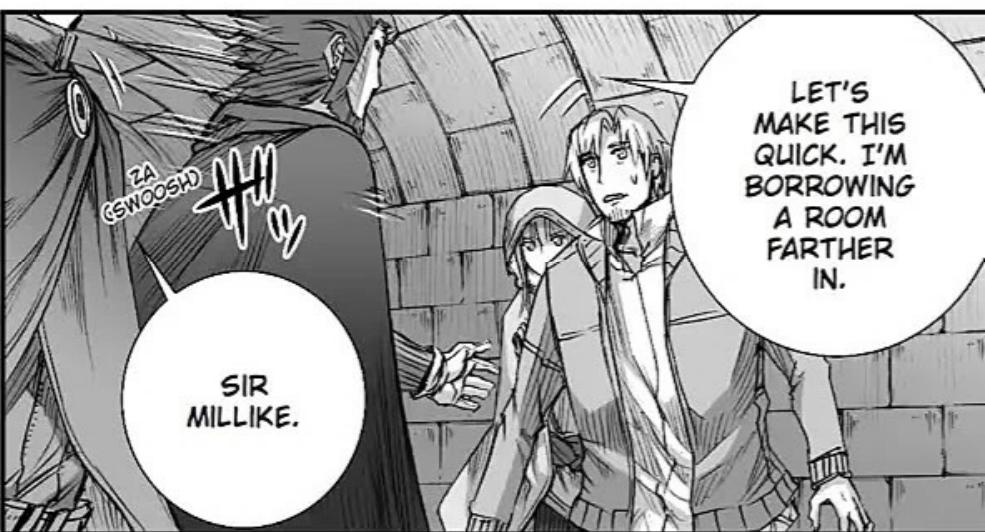
AND THIS
IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'M SEEING
YOU AS
WELL...



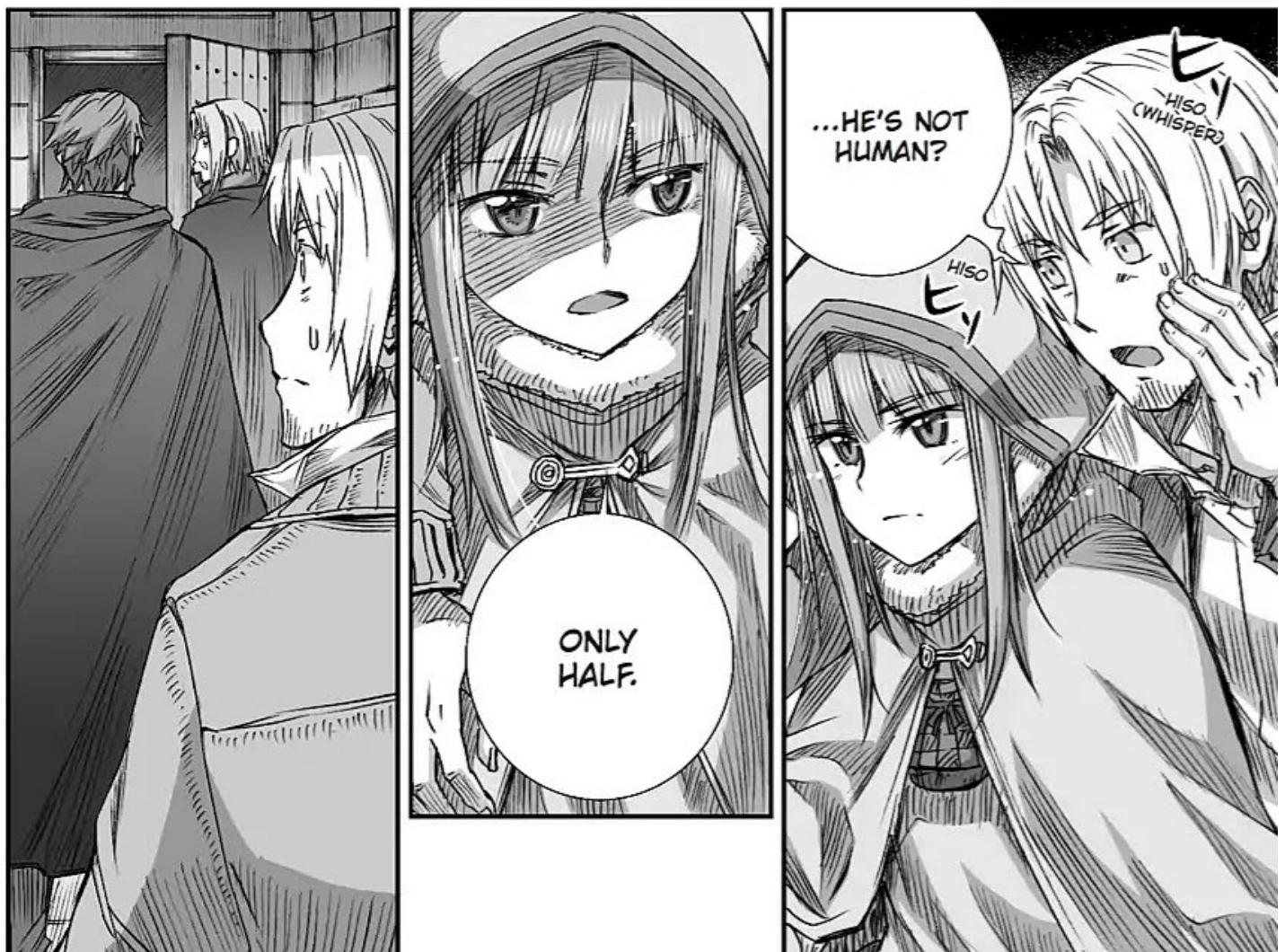
I SEE
HOLO THE
WISEWOLF
IS ALSO
HERE.

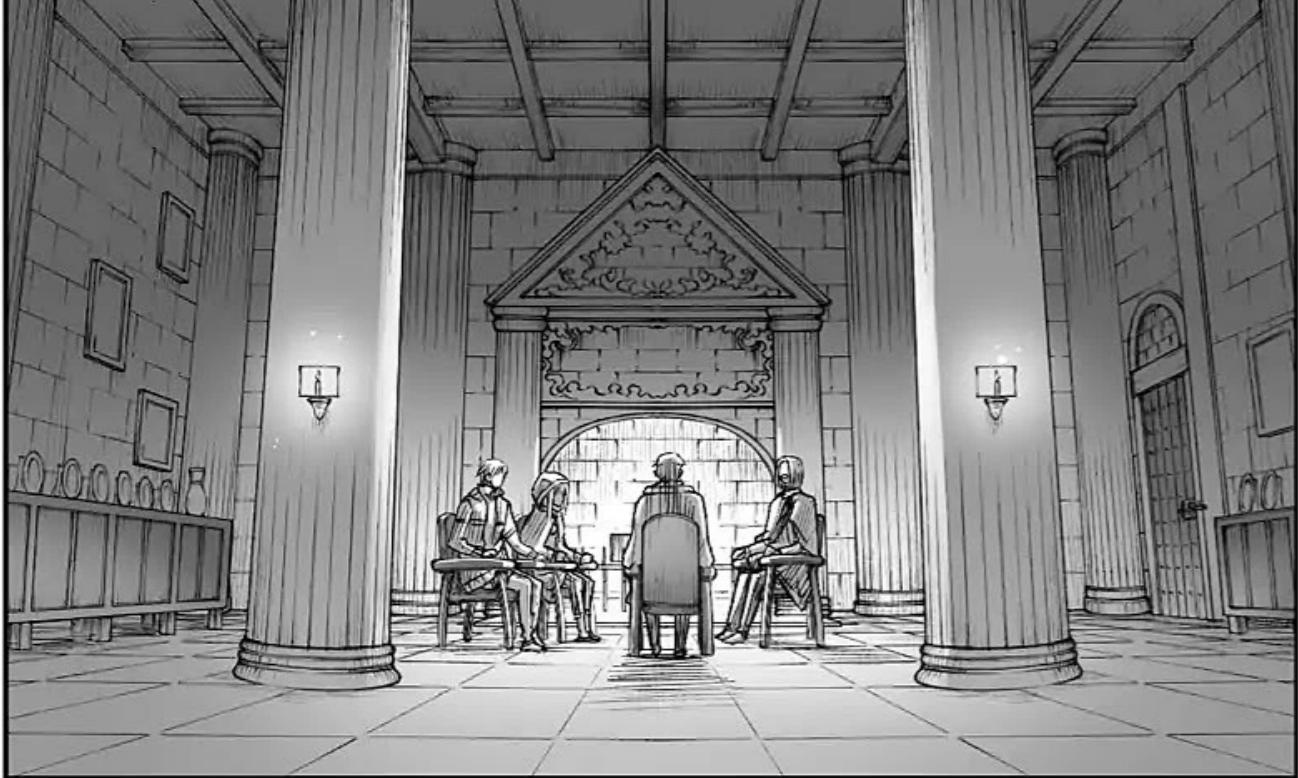


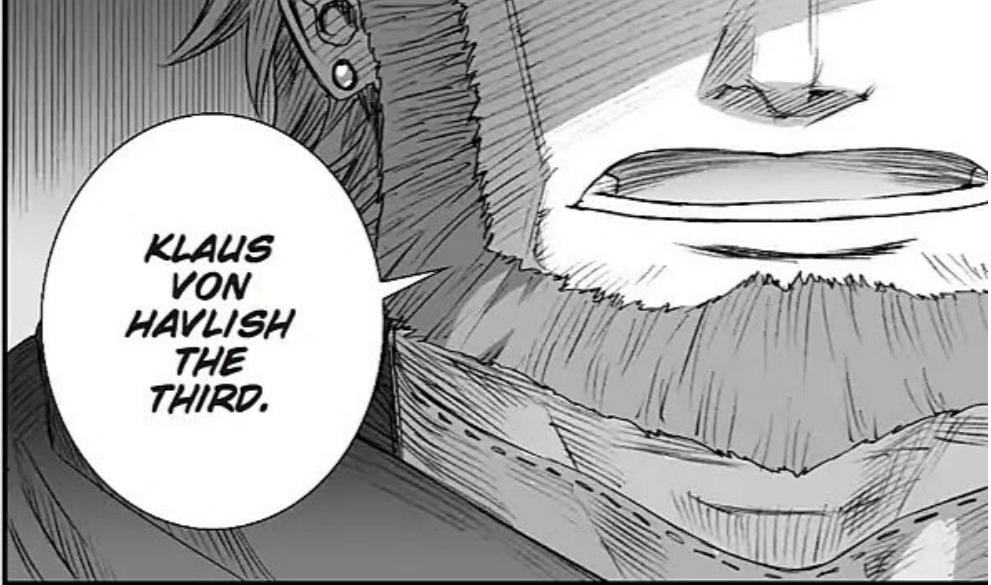
! ...SIR JEAN
MILLIKE.

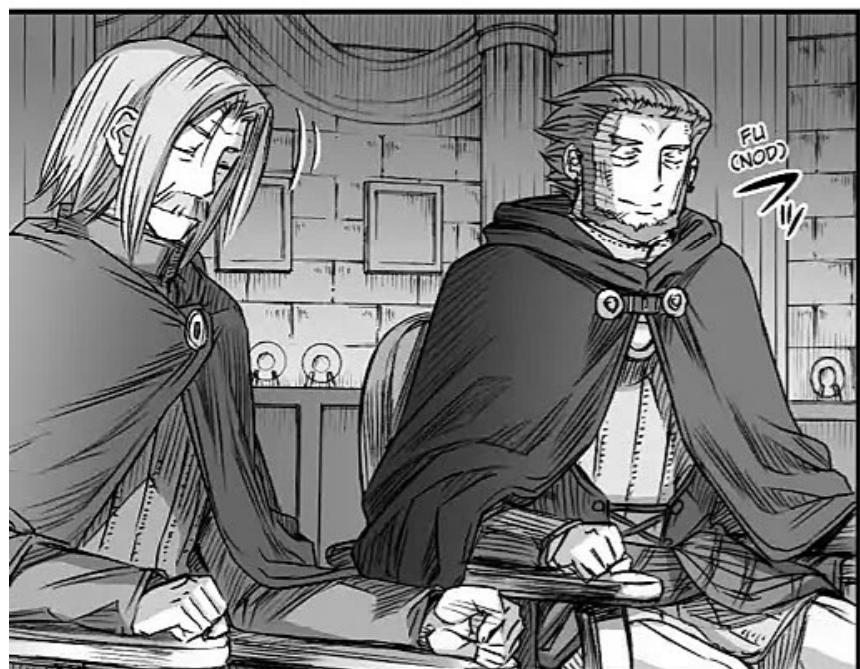
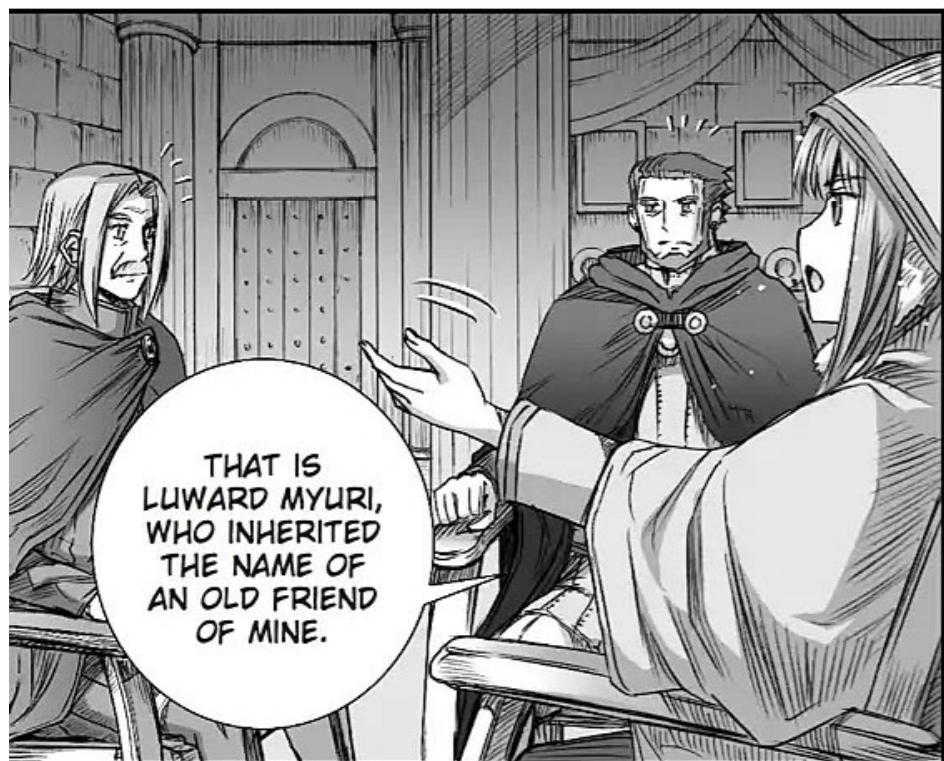








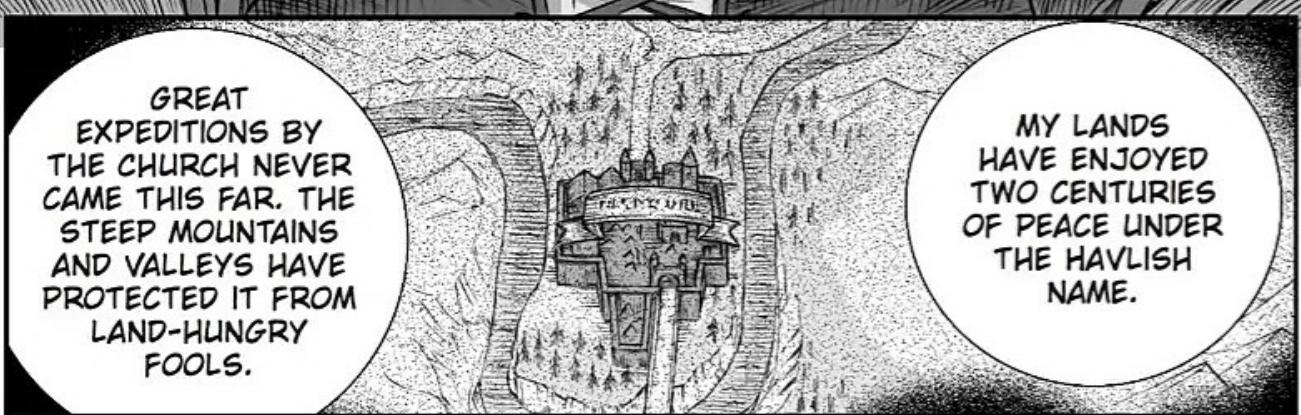






WELL, THEN.

YOU CERTAINLY
HAVE CREATED
A DISTURBANCE
HEREABOUTS,
HAVEN'T YOU?



GREAT EXPEDITIONS BY
THE CHURCH NEVER
CAME THIS FAR. THE
STEEP MOUNTAINS
AND VALLEYS HAVE
PROTECTED IT FROM
LAND-HUNGRY
FOOLS.

MY LANDS
HAVE ENJOINED
TWO CENTURIES
OF PEACE UNDER
THE HAVLISH
NAME.



MAKE
A MESS IN
YOUR OWN
LANDS.

TO THINK
YOU WOULD
INVITE ENEMIES
RIGHT TO OUR
DOORSTEP.

SVERNEL
HERE IS
ITS SOLE
WEAKNESS.

BUT THAT
IS WHY I AM
HERE TO MAKE
AMENDS.

I WILL MAKE
NO EXCUSES
FOR HOW WE
HAVE ENDED
UP LEADING
OUR ENEMIES
HERE.

ISN'T
THAT RIGHT,
MR. DEBAU
COMPANY?

AMENDS?

HAH...

I HEARD
REPORTS OF A
CAPTAIN WITH A
THOUSAND MEN.
THEY DID NOT COME
FOR A LITTLE
SKIRMISH IN THE
MOUNTAINS.

YOU CAN'T
BE SERIOUS. HOW
LARGE A FORCE DO
YOU THINK PRESSES
ON THE TOWN FROM
THE ROADS TO
THE SOUTH?

THEY
CAME TO
TEAR DOWN
THE TOWN
ITSELF.

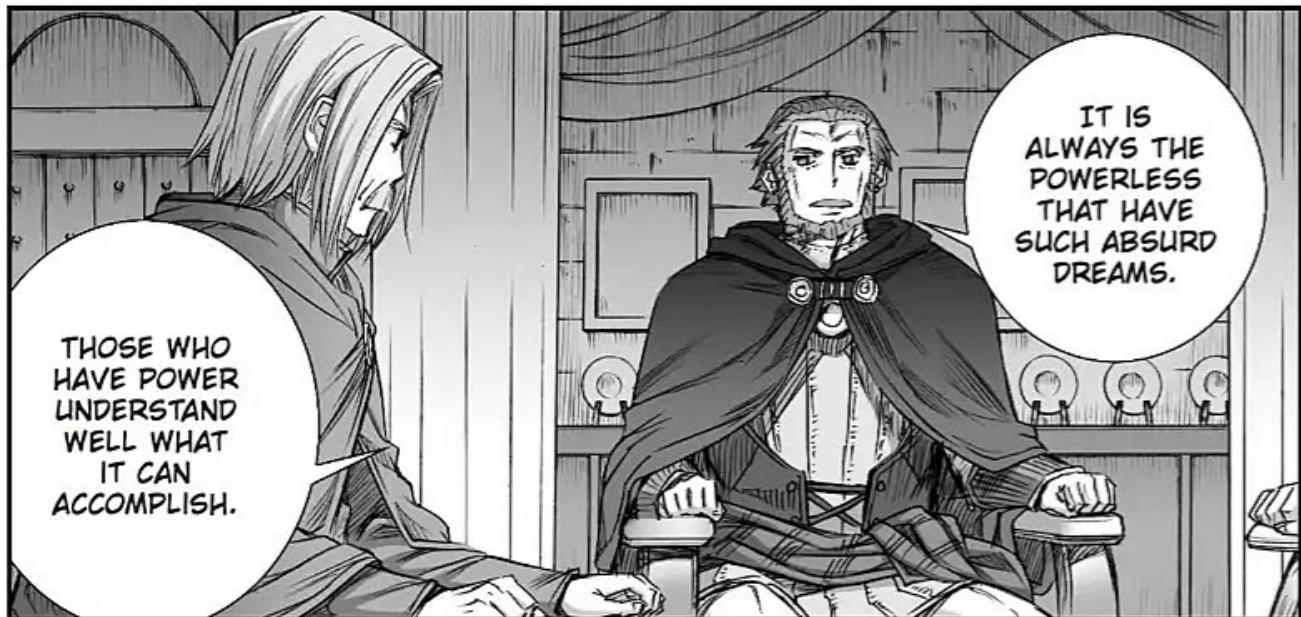
DOES A DIGNIFIED WOLF SUCH AS YOURSELF INTEND TO GET INVOLVED WITH SUCH A FOOLISH SCUFFLE?

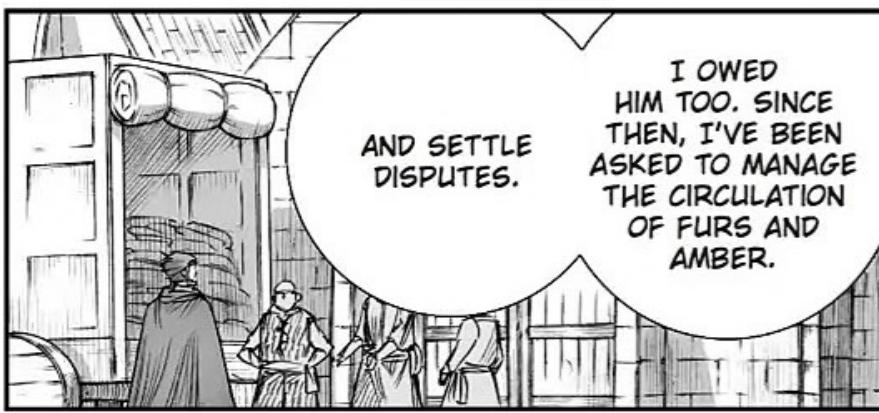
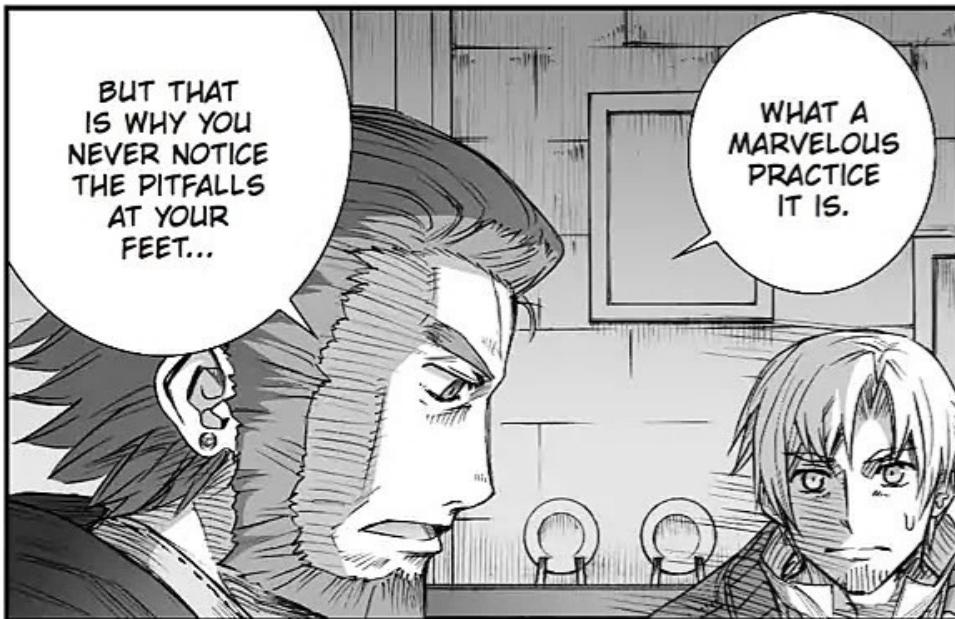
DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW.

I SAW A BIRD NOT NATIVE TO THESE PARTS FLYING AROUND— A FRIEND OF YOURS, YES?

I DO NOT.

AS I EXPECTED. A VERY PRACTICAL JUDGMENT.





...DID YOU
GIVE THE
MERCENARY
MESSENGERS
SUCH
FAVORABLE
REPLIES?

THEN
WHY...

SO IF
MERCENARIES
WERE GOING
TO EAT VILLAGES
WHOLE, DOWN
TO THE LOCUSTS,
THEN STILL DIE
OUT IN THE WILD
SOMEWHERE...

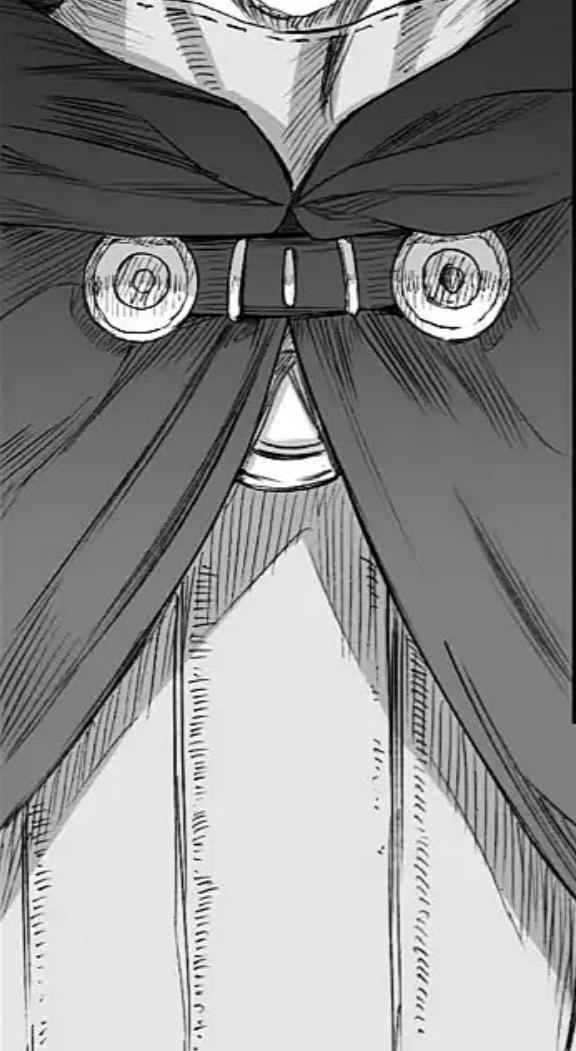
EVERY
VILLAGE IS
LOW ON FOOD
DURING THIS
SEASON.

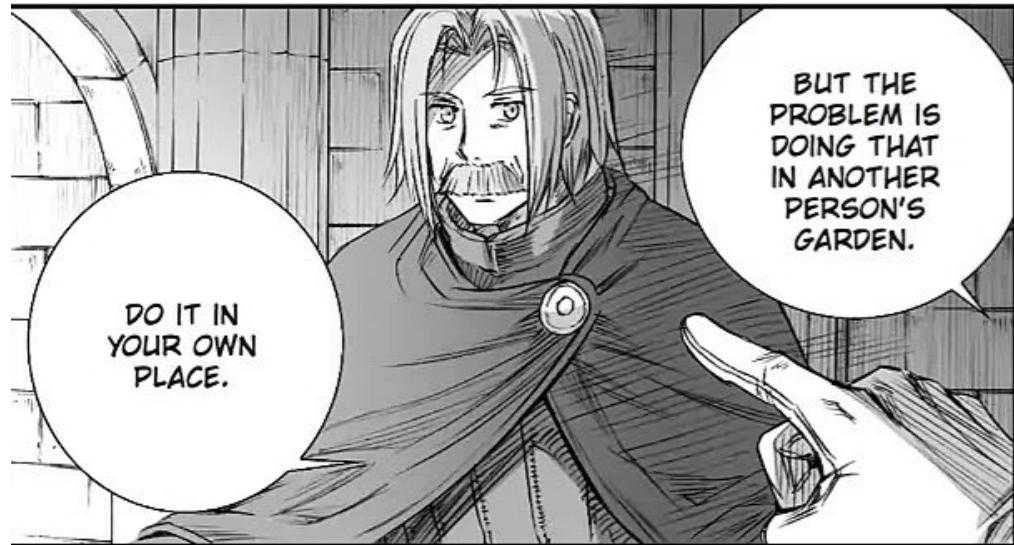
IT'S
SIMPLE.
IF WE'D
REFUSED,
YOU'D
HAVE GONE
SOMEWHERE
ELSE.

...BETTER TO
TAKE YOU IN
AND CAPTURE
YOU HERE
IN TOWN.

NO.

DO YOU
INTEND TO
SELL US
OUT?









MERCHANTS
ENGAGE IN
TRADE, AND THE
FOUNDATION
OF TRADE IS
PROFIT.



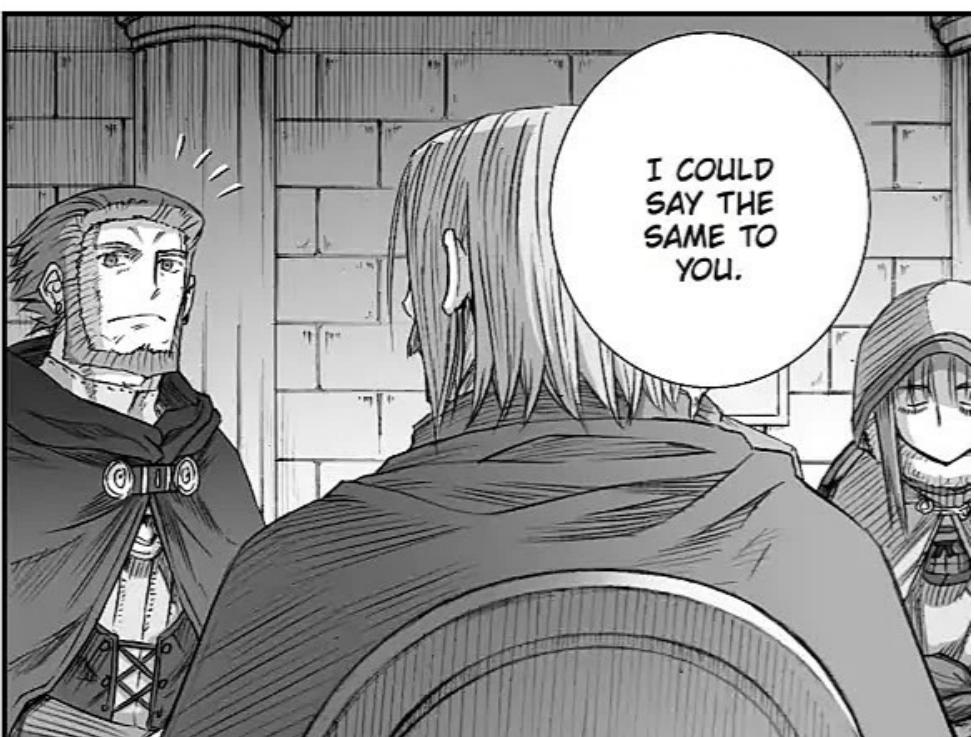
OH?



AND PROFIT
IN TRADE IS
FIRST GAINED
BY MAKING
SOMEONE
HAPPY.



THAT
IS PROOF
ENOUGH.





TO THEM,
I AM
EXTREMELY
USEFUL.



I'M SURE
THERE ARE
THOSE IN TOWN
WHO OBJECT
TO THE DEBAU
COMPANY'S
TYRANNY.



AND THERE
MUST BE AT
LEAST ONE
NORTHERN
DWELLER WHO
KNOWS OF
THE MYURI
MERCENARY
COMPANY.

WE CAME
IN LARGE
NUMBERS IN
SHAMBLES
BEFORE
DAYBREAK.
THERE SHOULD
BE RUMORS
ALREADY.



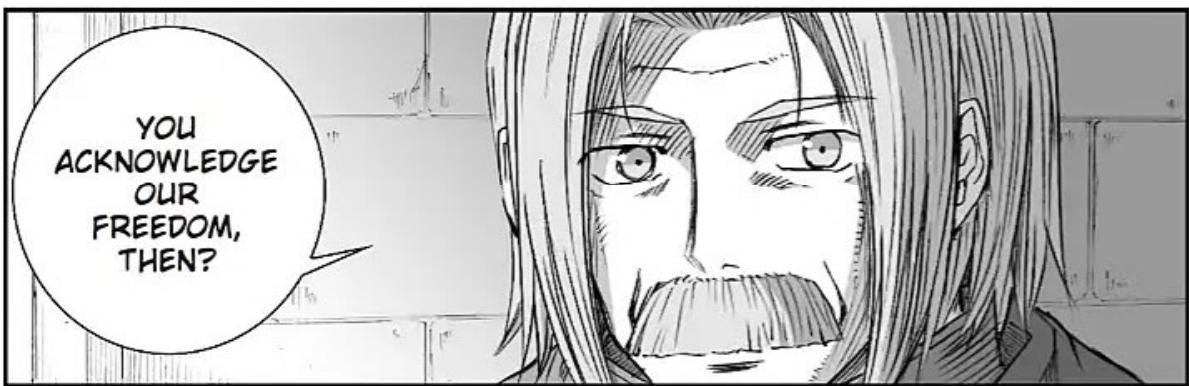
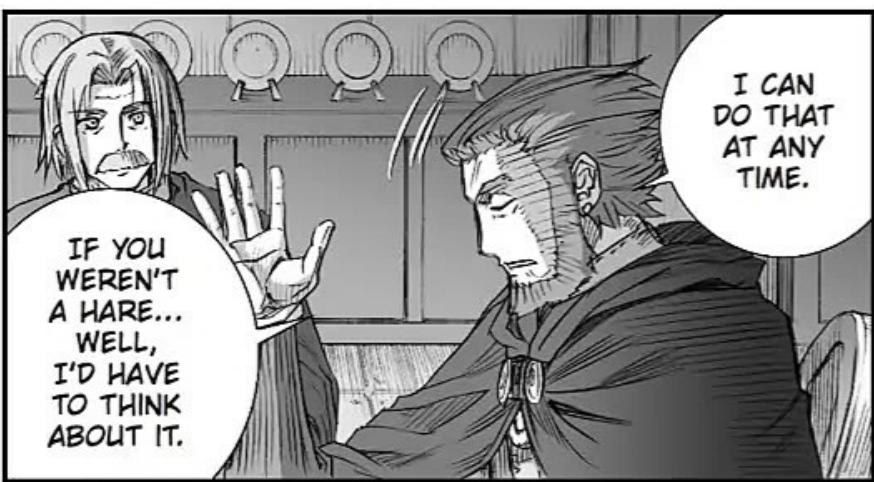
THAT'S
TRUE...



THE ENEMY OF
MY ENEMY IS MY
FRIEND—SO A MAN
WHO WAS UNTIL A
FEW DAYS AGO AT
THE CENTER OF
THE ENEMY WAS
ALL THAT MORE
POWERFUL AN ALLY.

IF THEY
HEAR THAT
HILDE IS HERE,
EVEN AN IDIOT
WOULD KNOW
THERE WAS
A COUP IN
LESKO.







IS THIS
LORD LIKE
HOLO?

NO ONE STAYS.
IT IS ONLY TIME
THAT PILES UP,
LIKE SEDIMENT.

SOMEONE
WHO TRIED
CHANGE MANY
TIMES IN THE
PAST...BUT
GREW TIRED
OF IT ONE
DAY.

NO
ONE STAYS
FOR LONG.
THEY ALL
MOVE RIGHT
ON BY.

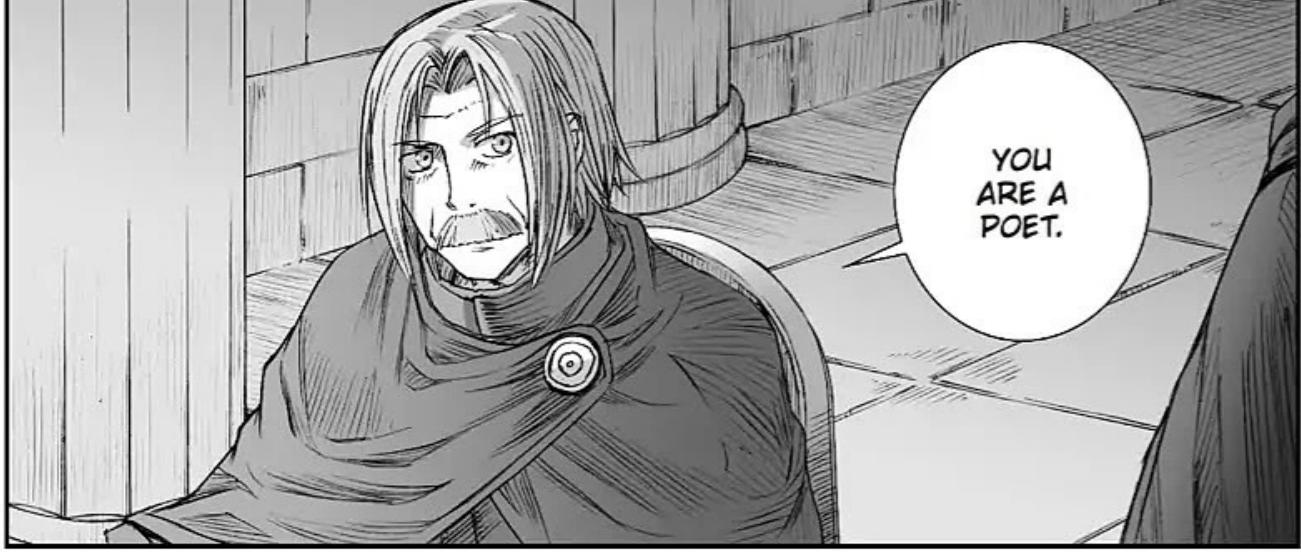
THE FOOLS
CARRY THEIR
WEAPONS TO
TRAVEL BEYOND
THE TOWN, BUT
THERE'S NOTHING
BUT DEEP,
TREACHEROUS,
SNOWY
MOUNTAINS.

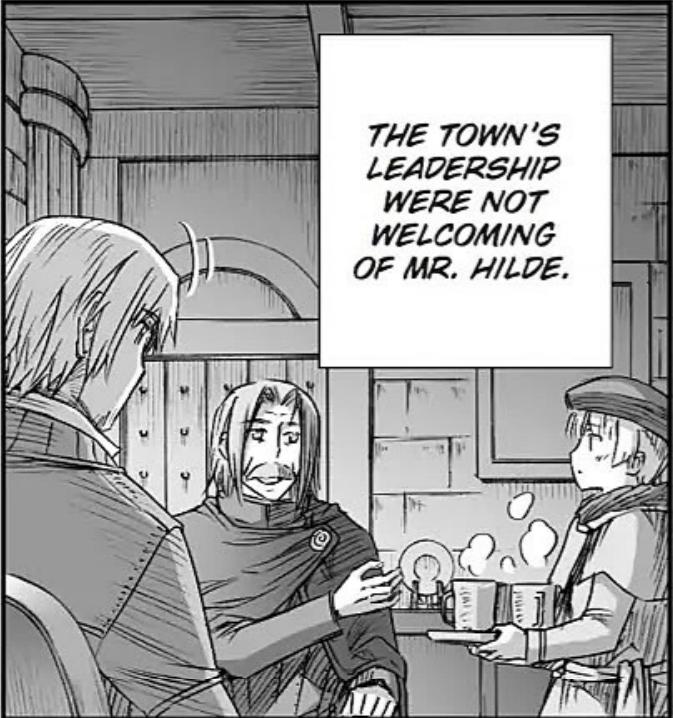
YOU MAY
FOLLOW THEIR
FOOTSTEPS,
BUT THOSE
TOO END UP
COVERED IN
SNOW.

THEY
ALL PASS
THROUGH
AND LEAVE.

THIS IS
JUST A TOWN
WHERE FUR
AND AMBER
PASSES
THROUGH.

THE
ARTISANS
ARE ALL
GONE.





THE TOWN'S
LEADERSHIP
WERE NOT
WELCOMING
OF MR. HILDE.



FUU
(EXHALE)

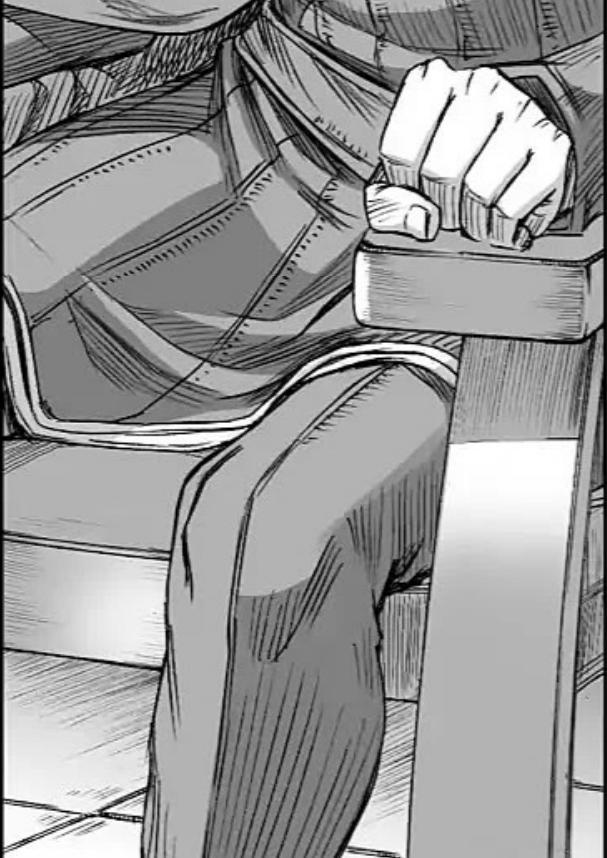


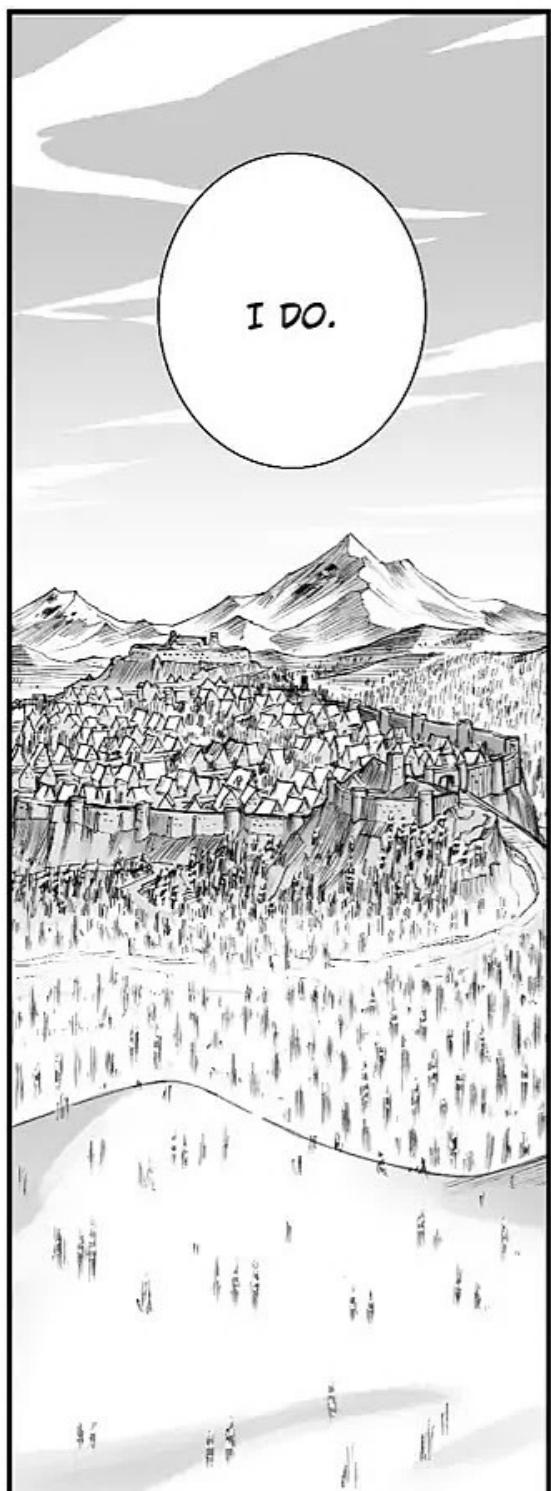
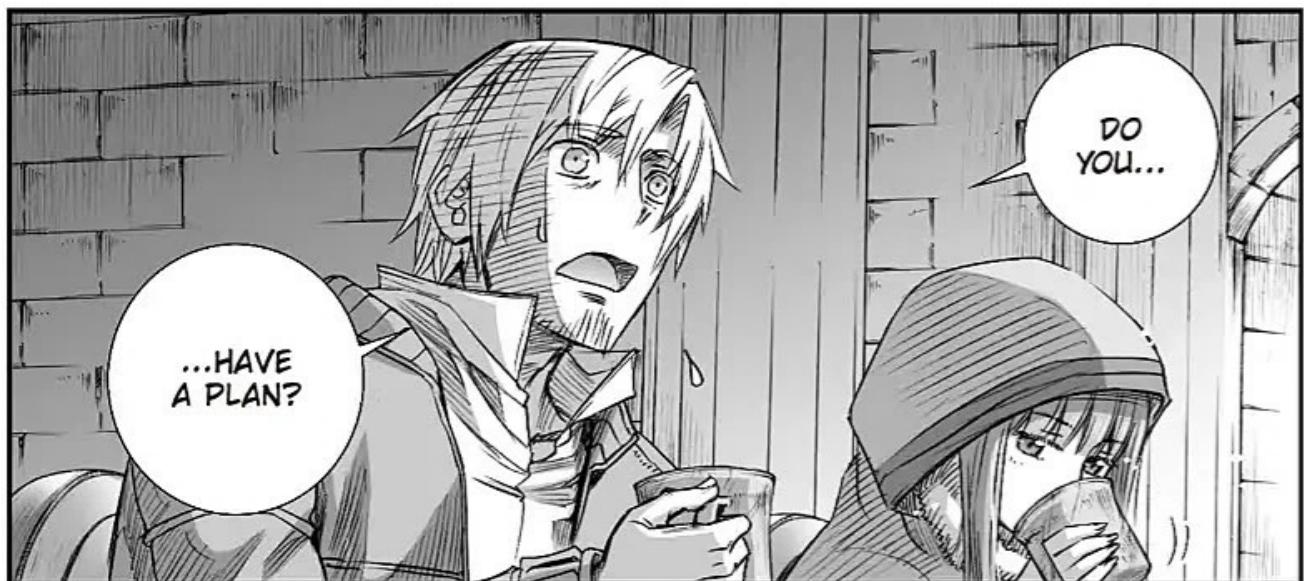
FURTHERMORE,
HILDE HAD
NOT BEEN
AWARE OF THE
FUNDAMENTAL
FACT THAT
MILLIKE AND
HAVLISH WERE
THE SAME
PERSON.

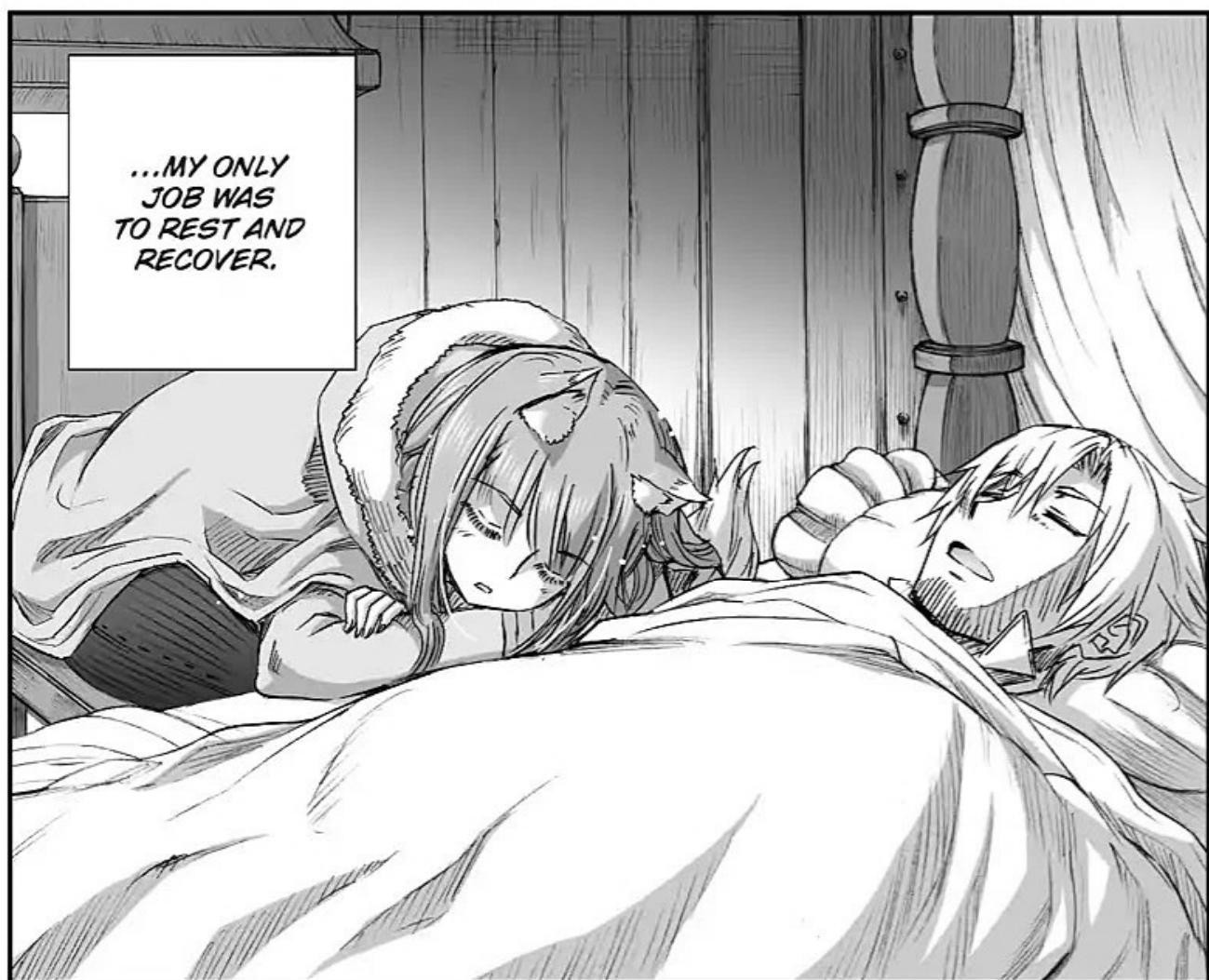
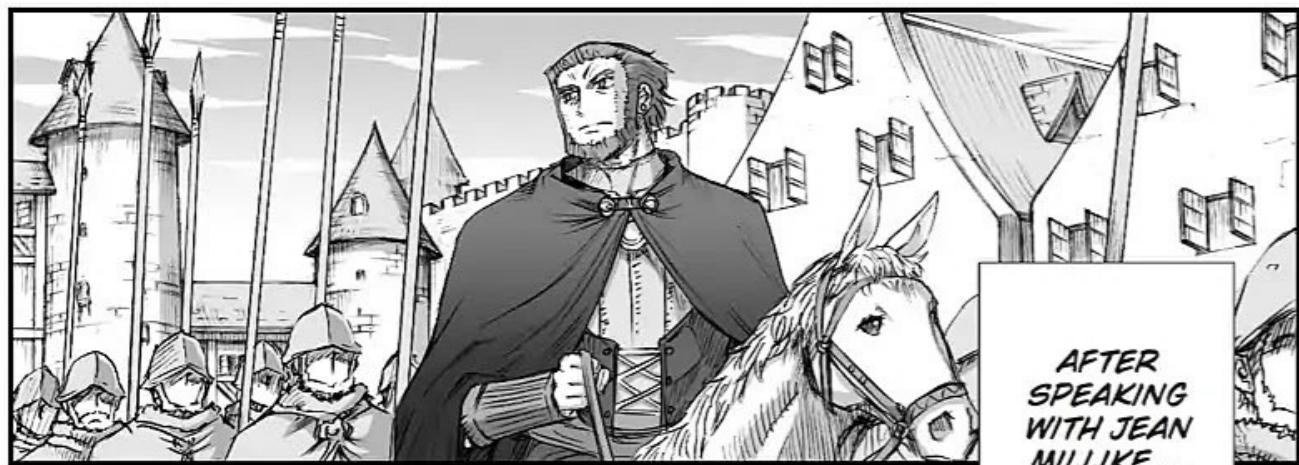
THAT WAS
LARGELY A
DECLARATION
OF DEFEAT
IN ITSELF.

ZUZU
(SIP)

THUS,
INVESTIGATING
"MILLIKE"
AND STRIVING
TO WIN HIM
OVER WAS
UNLIKELY WITH
SO LITTLE
TIME.

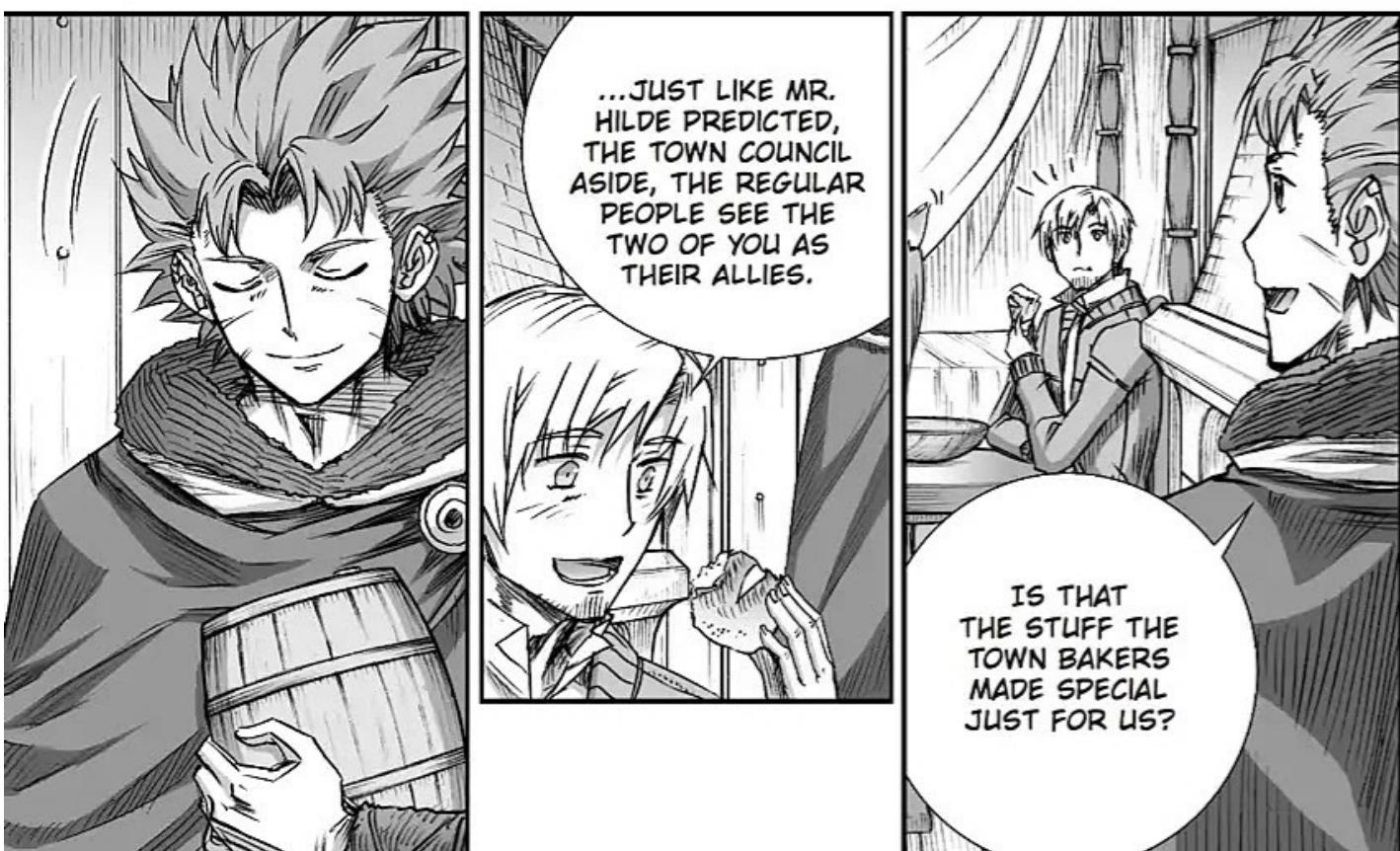


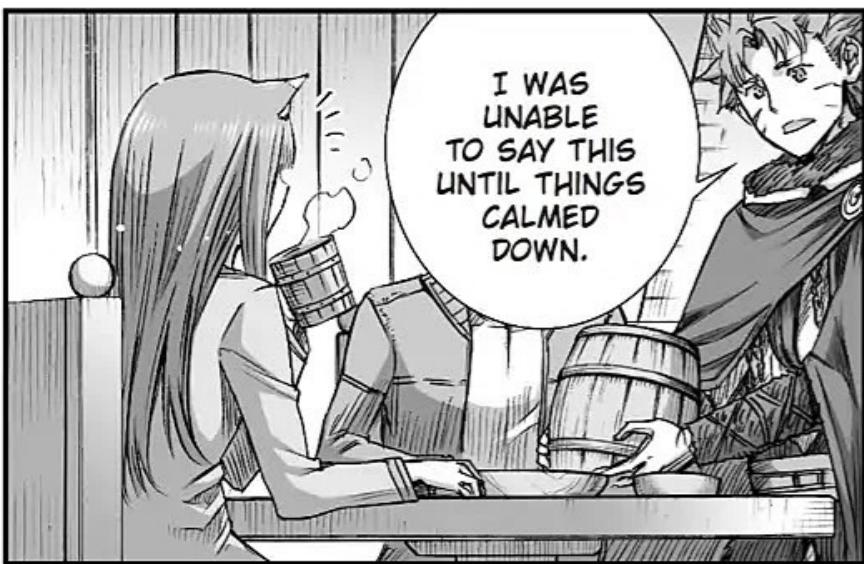




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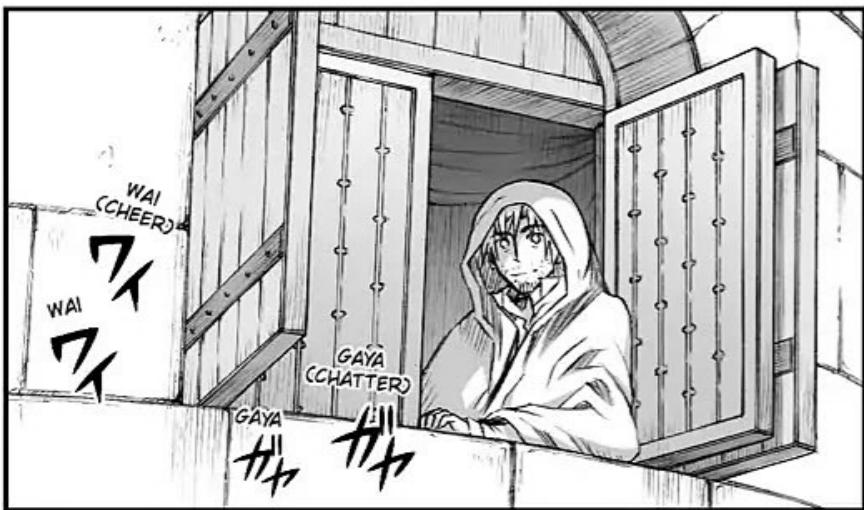




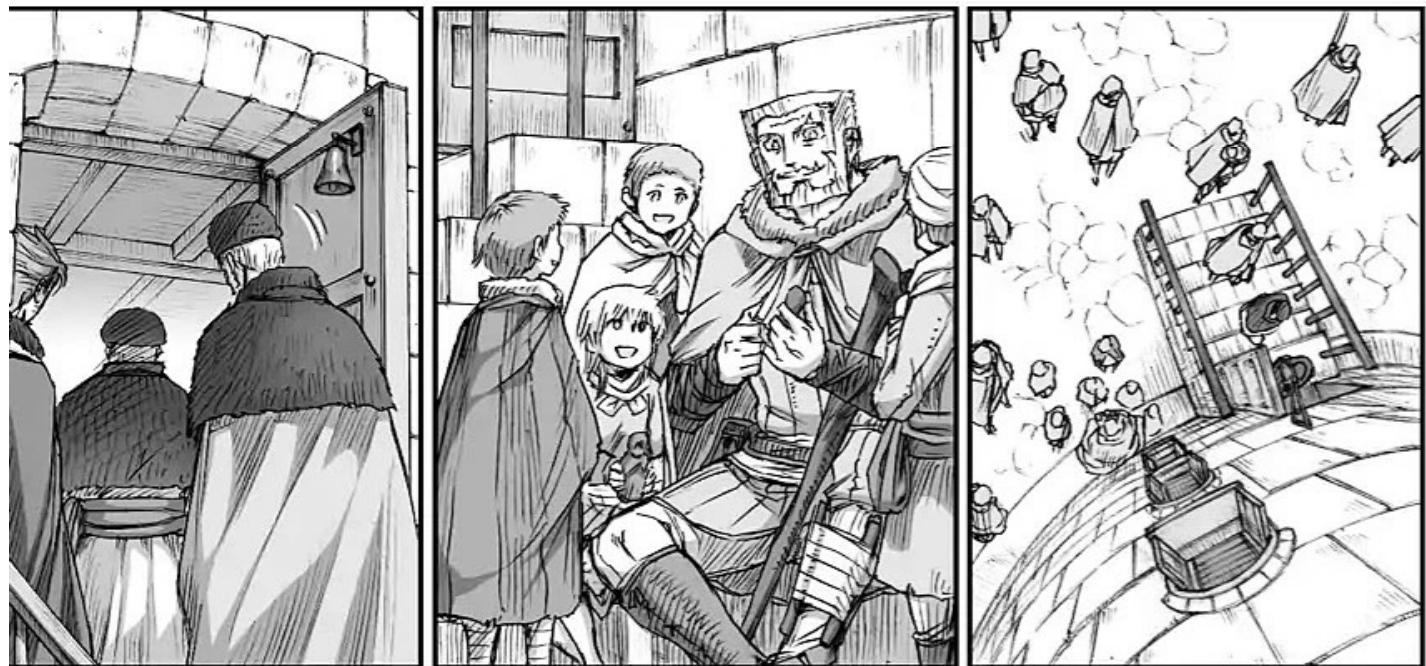








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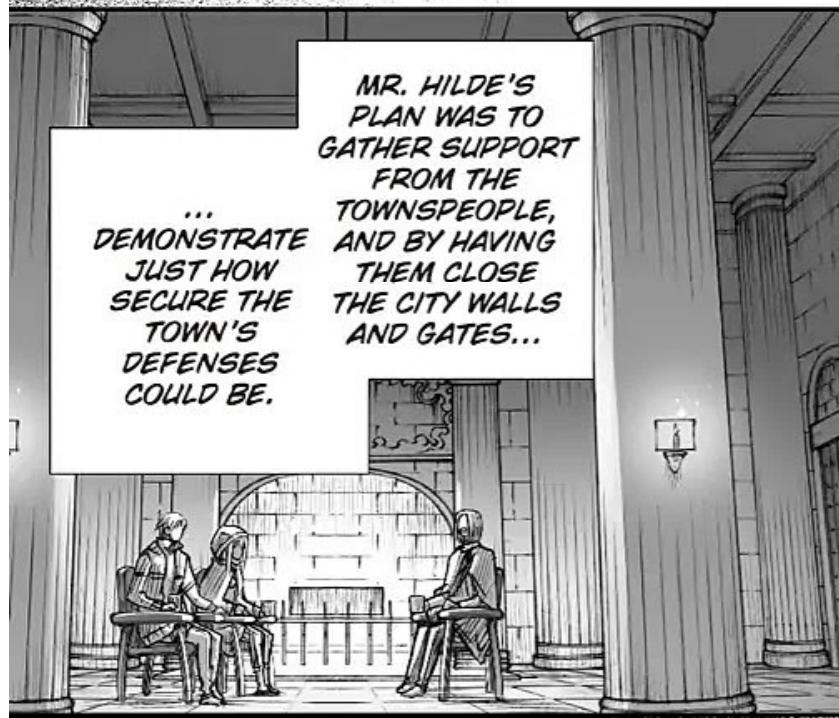


MR. HILDE'S PLAN WAS TO GATHER SUPPORT FROM THE TOWNSPEOPLE, AND BY HAVING THEM CLOSE THE CITY WALLS AND GATES...

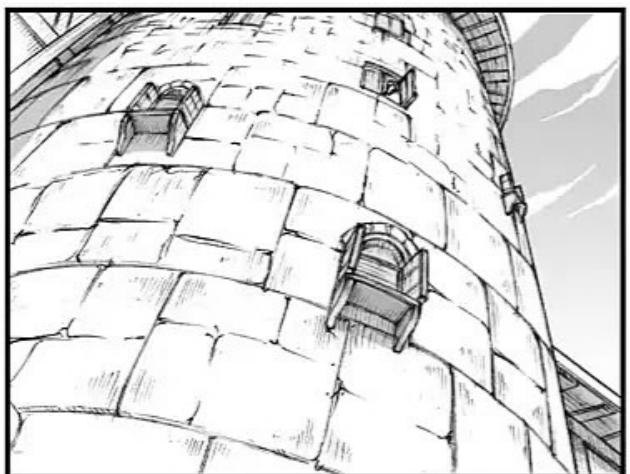
...DEMONSTRATE JUST HOW SECURE THE TOWN'S DEFENSES COULD BE.

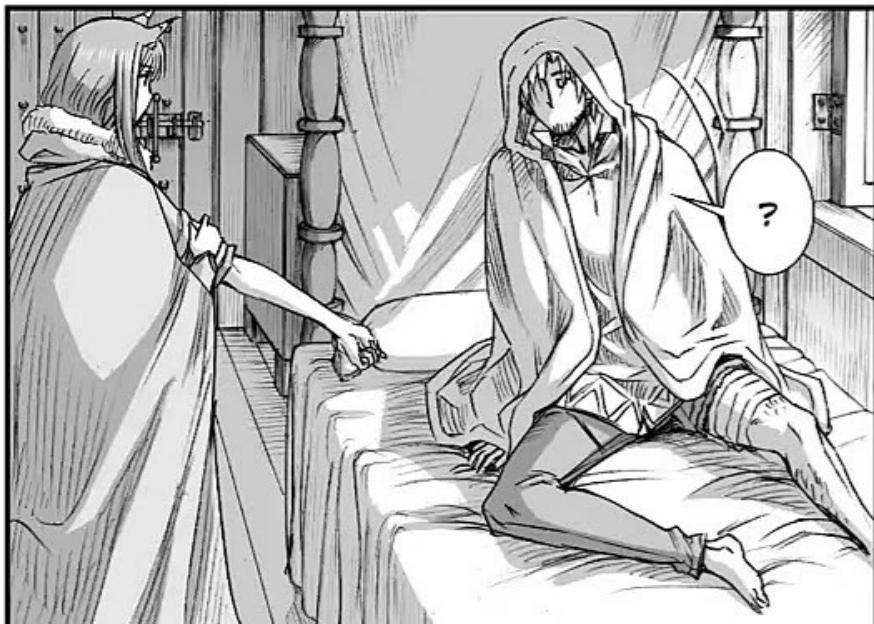
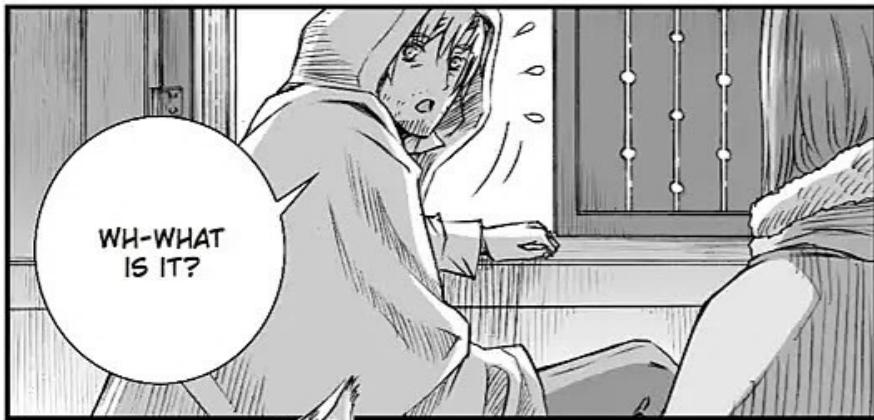
THERE'S MORE THAN TWENTY OF THEM!

THE TOWN INTELLECTUALS AND SHOP-KEEPERS ARE HERE TO SEE MR. HILDE.

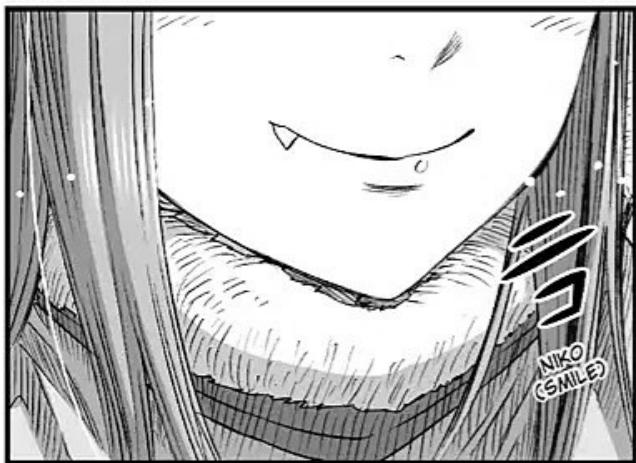


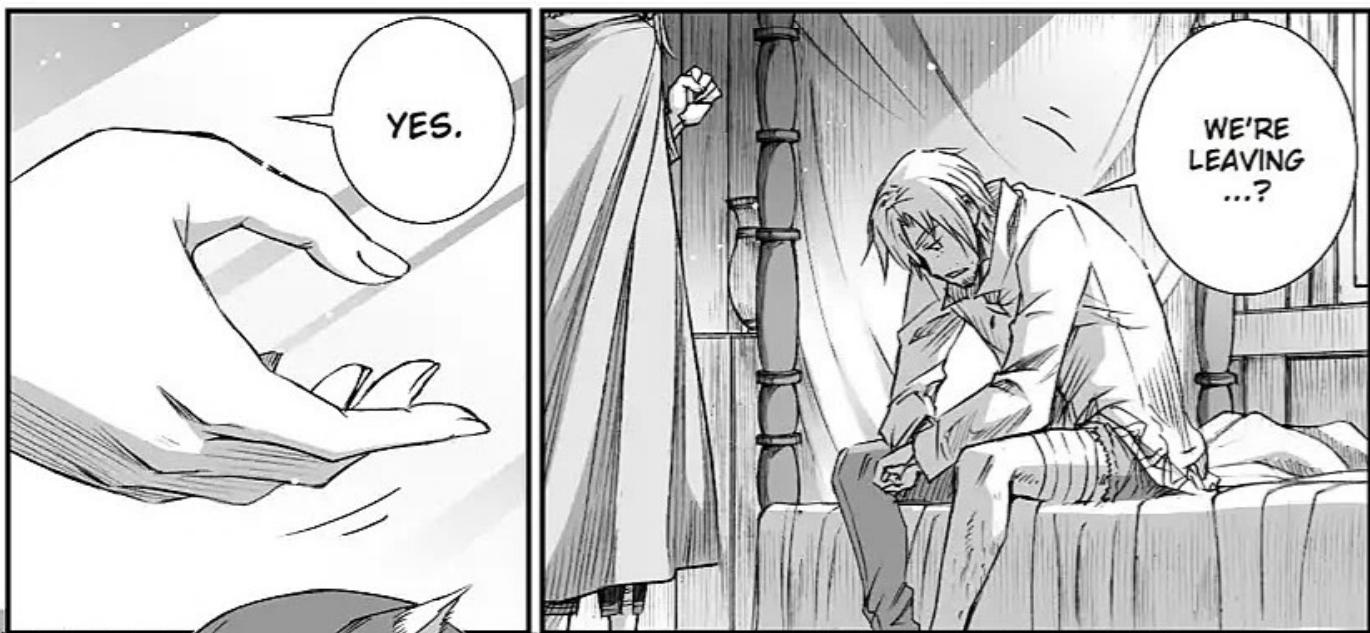












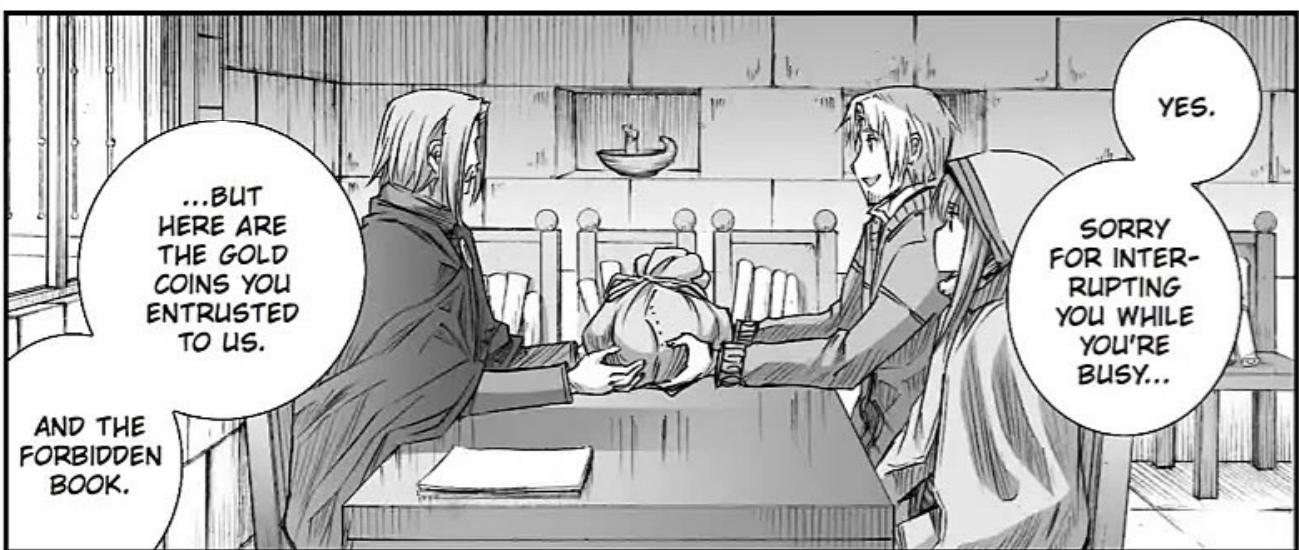
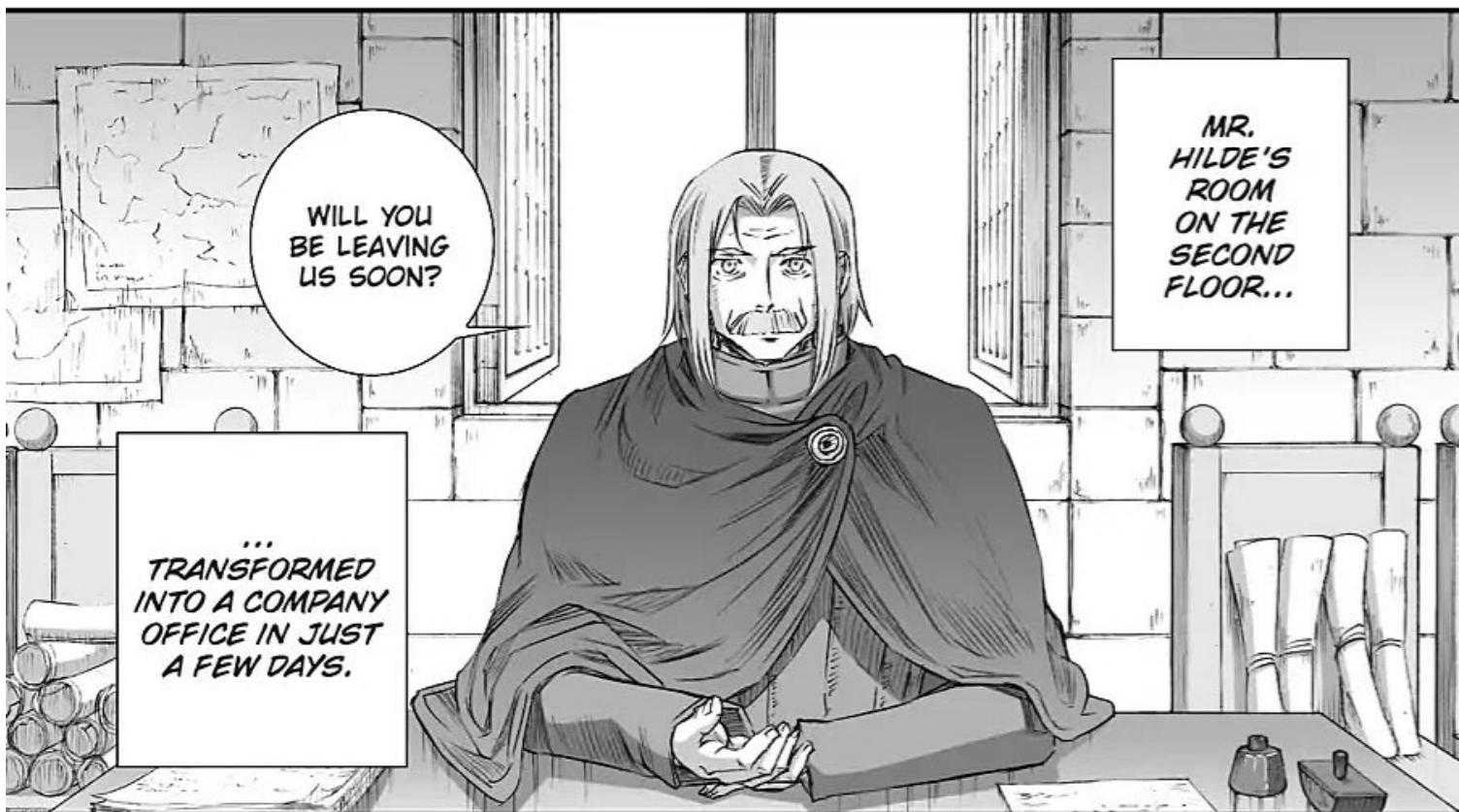


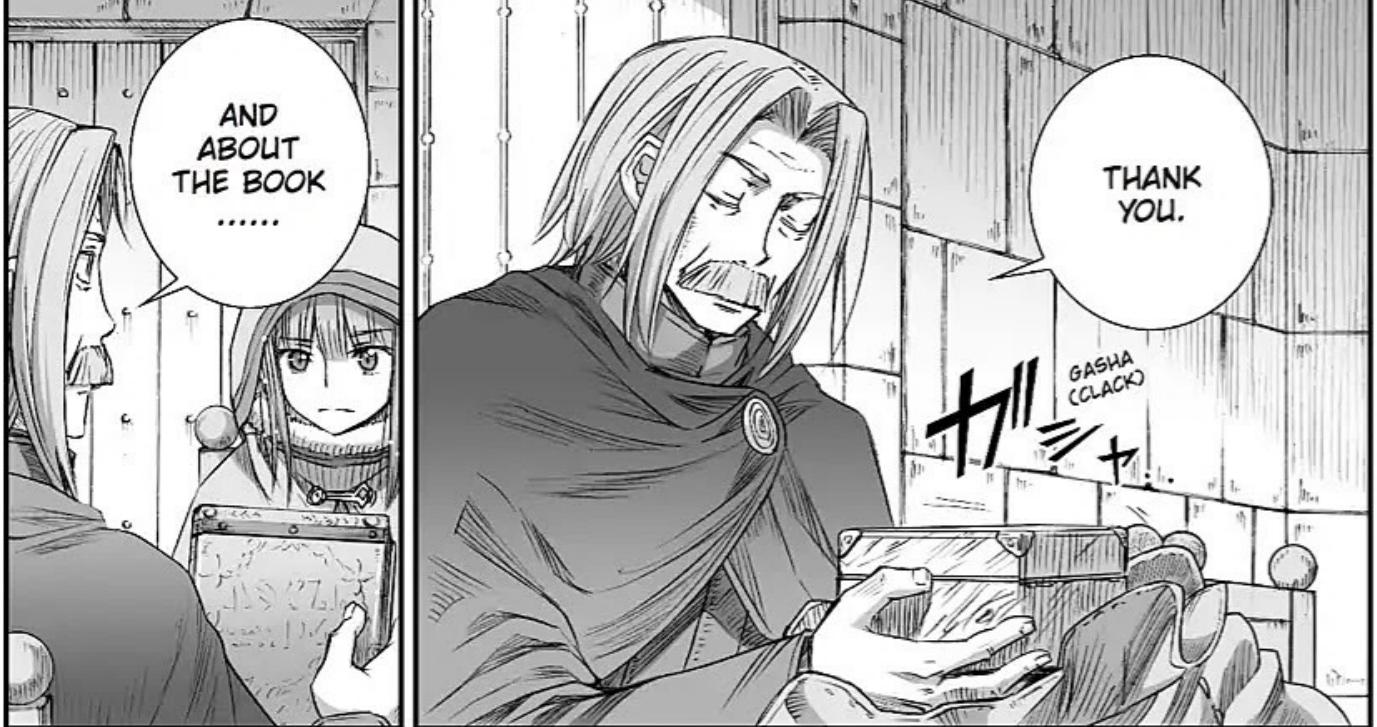


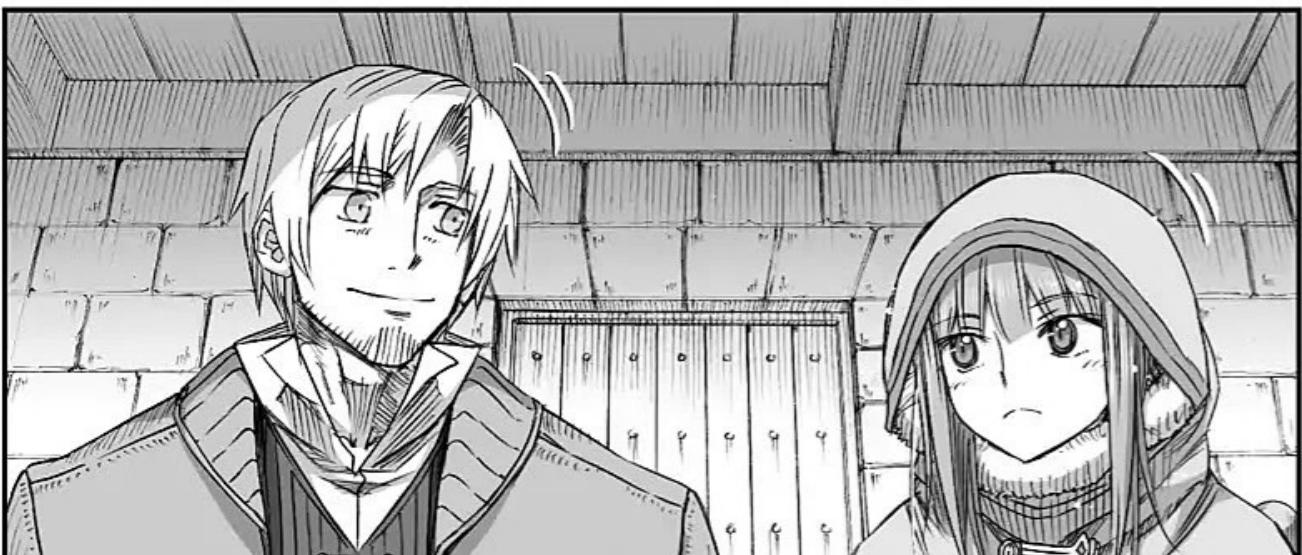
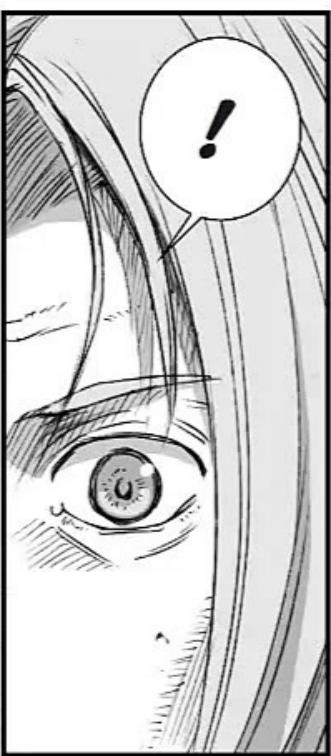




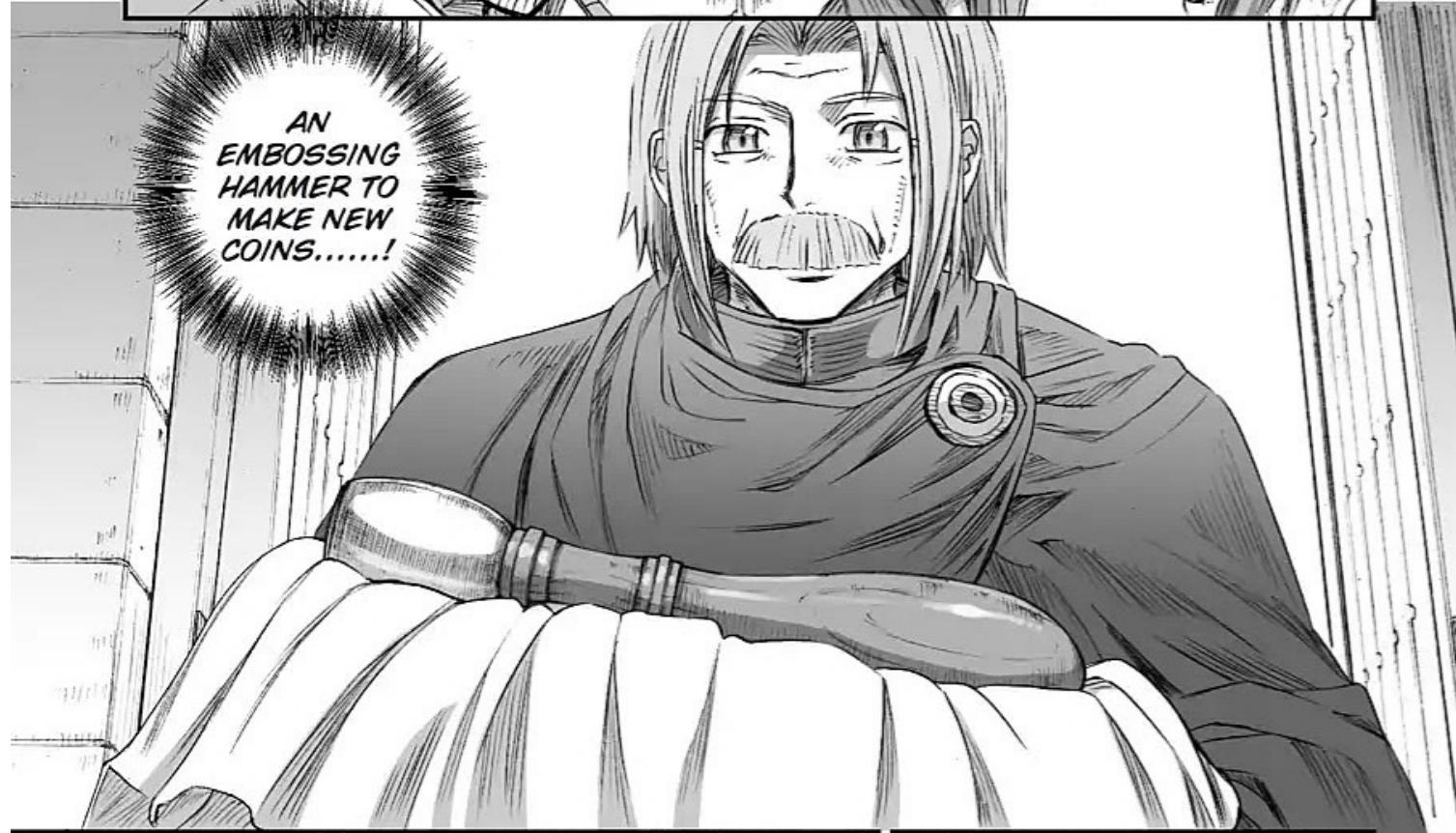
THAT
AFTER-
NOON...



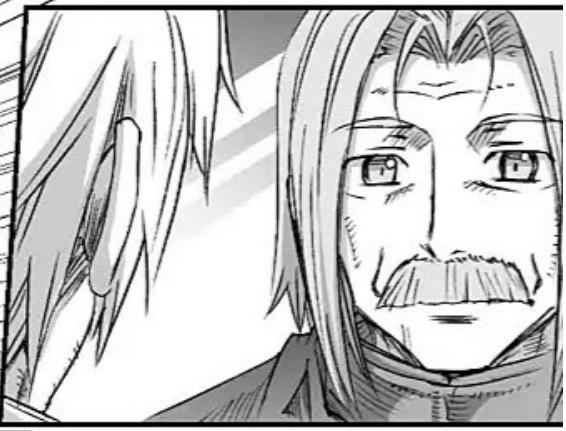








THE
SUN!



I TALKED
ABOUT WHAT
THE DESIGN OF
THE NEW SILVER
COIN MIGHT
BE WITH THE
MERCENARIES
ONCE.

THEY RACKED
THEIR BRAINS,
SINCE PEOPLE
WOULD BE
UNHAPPY IF IT
WAS THE FACE
OF A RULER OR
MINING TOOLS.

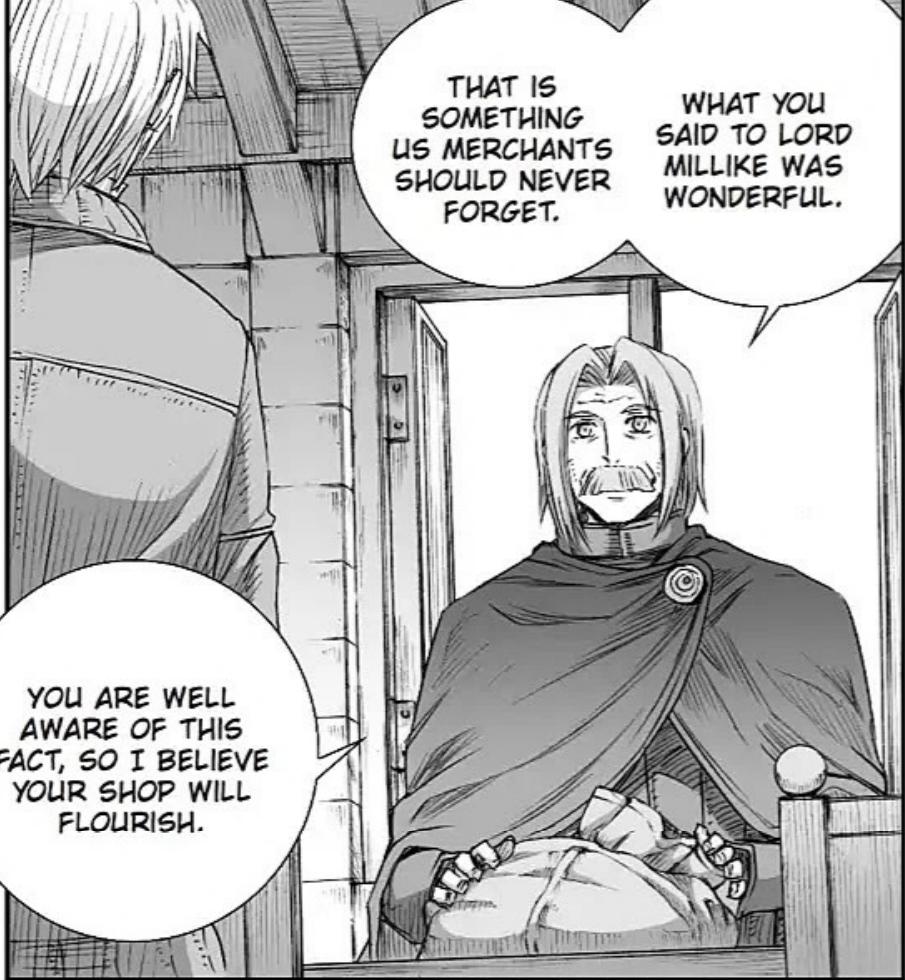
CERTAINLY THE
SUN—OFTEN
COVERED IN COLD,
LEAD-COLORED
CLOUDS IN THE
NORTHLANDS—
WAS SOMETHING
THAT BROUGHT
HAPPINESS
EQUALLY TO
ALL PEOPLE.

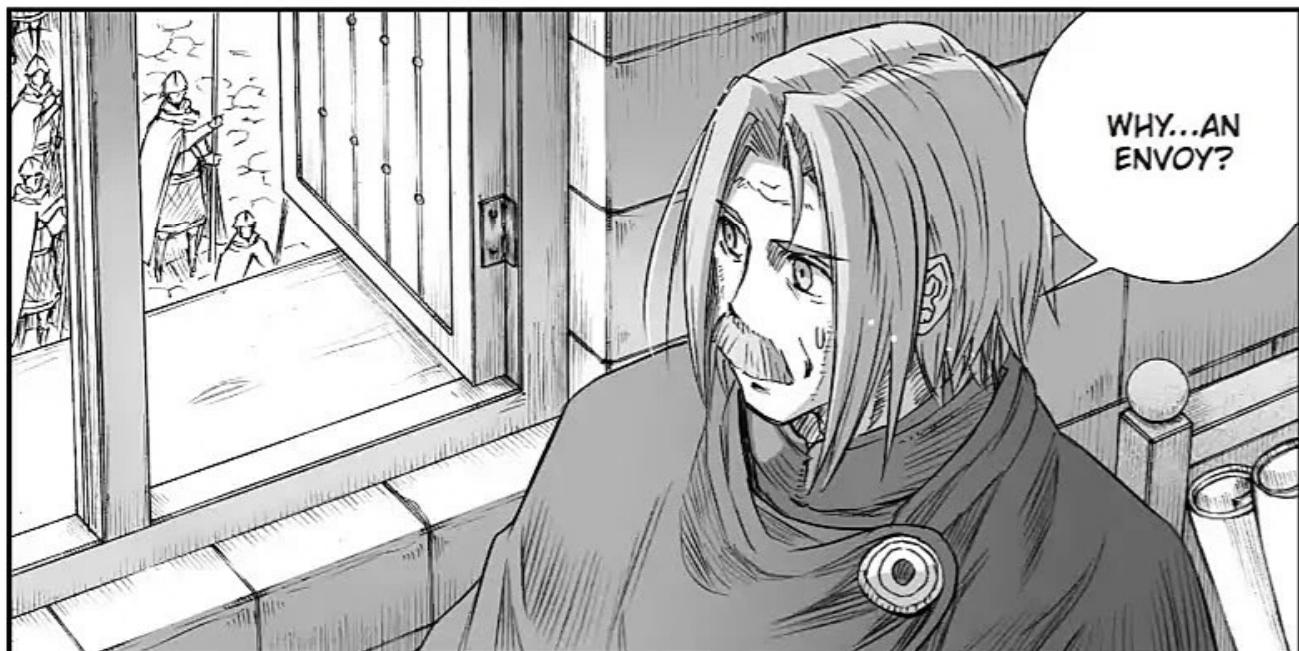
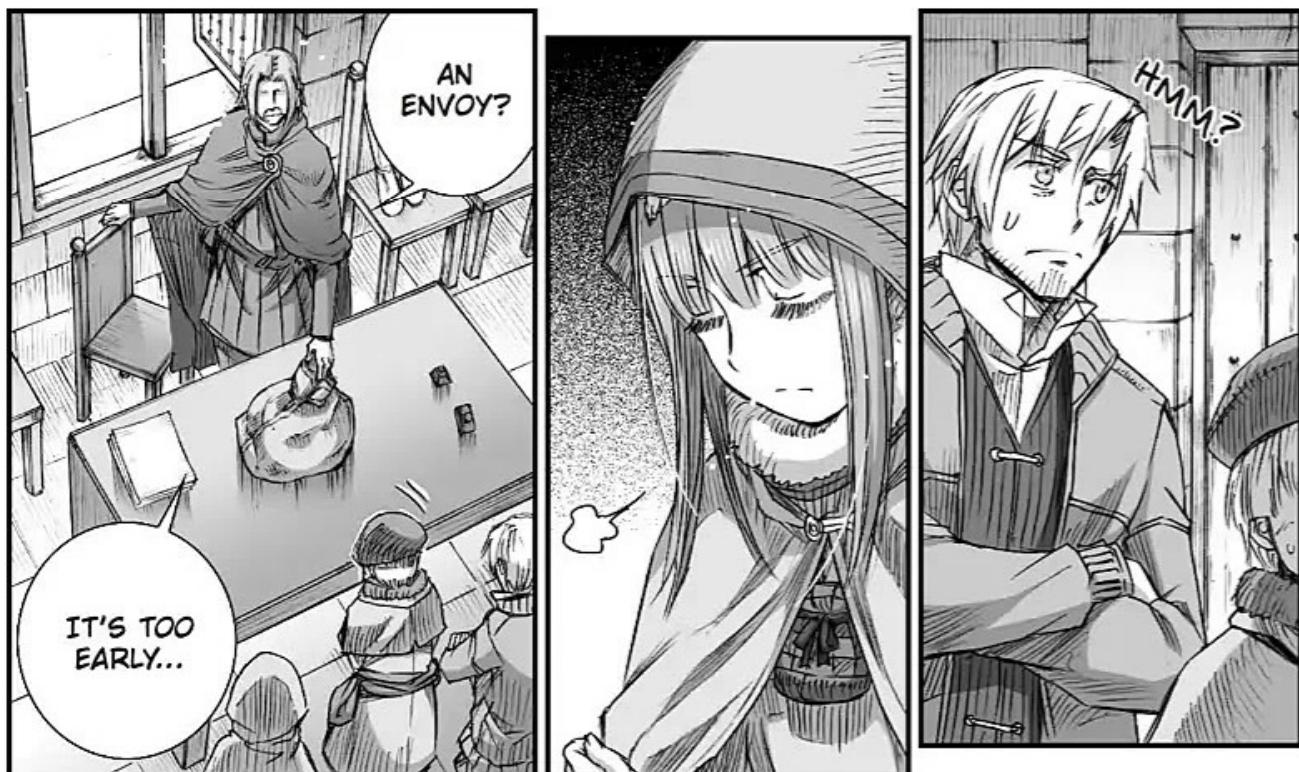




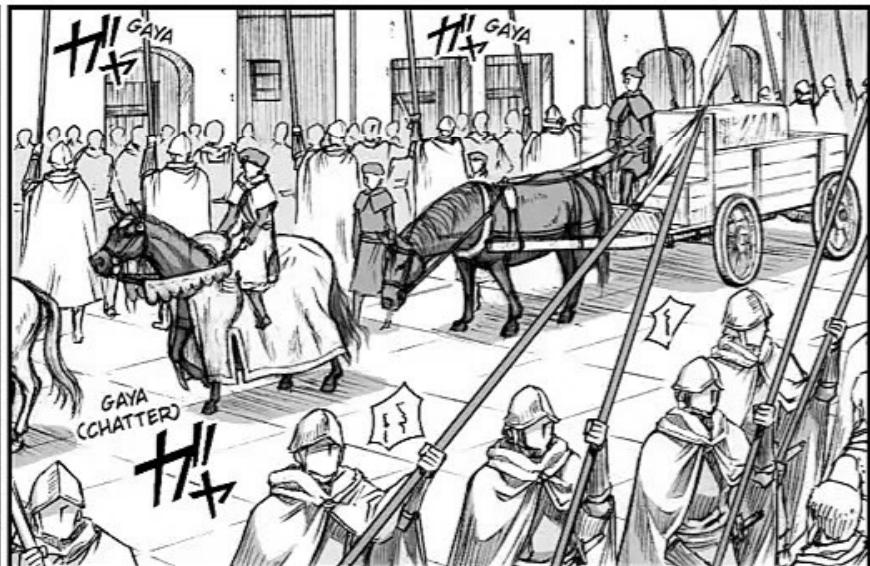
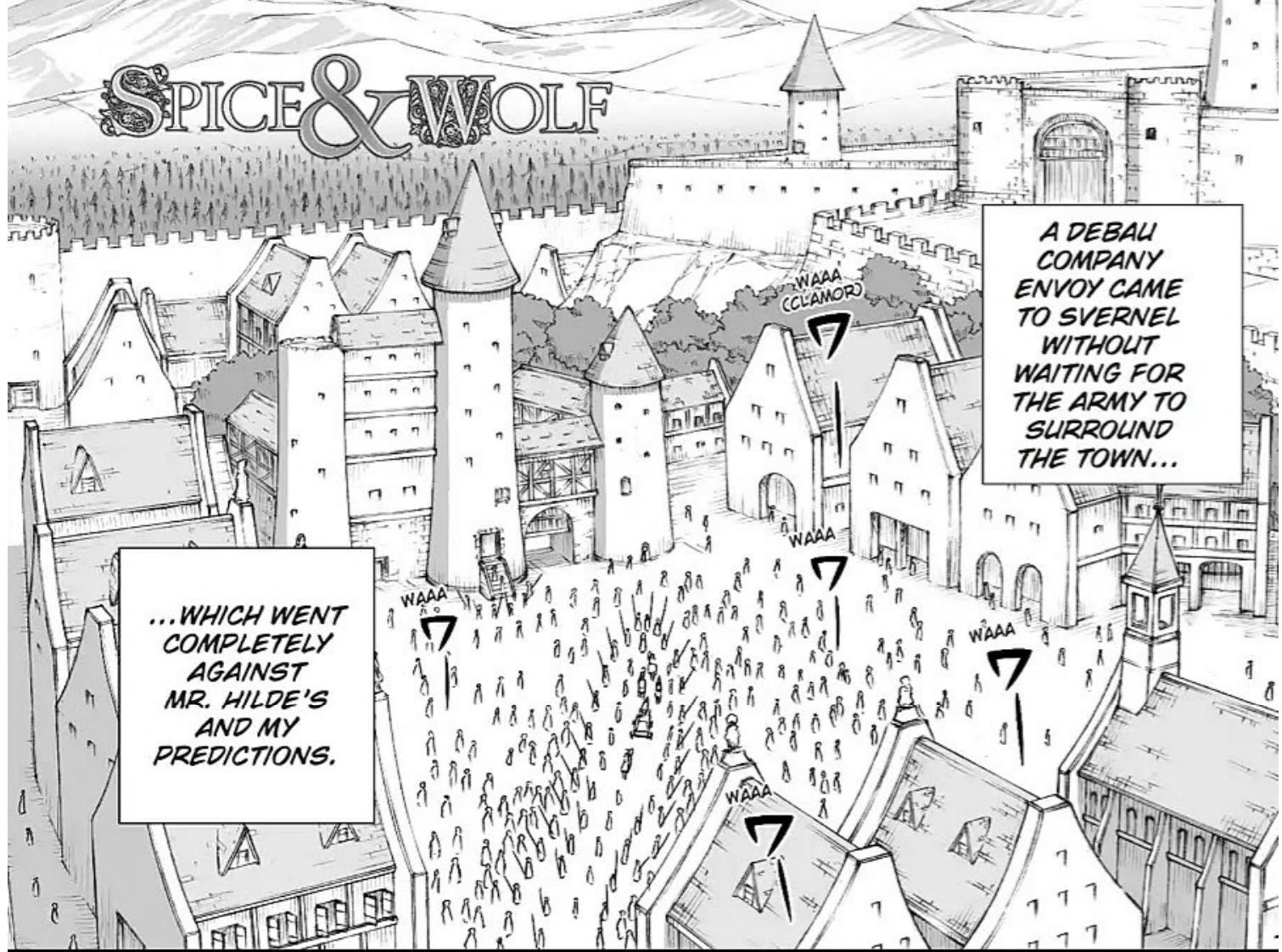
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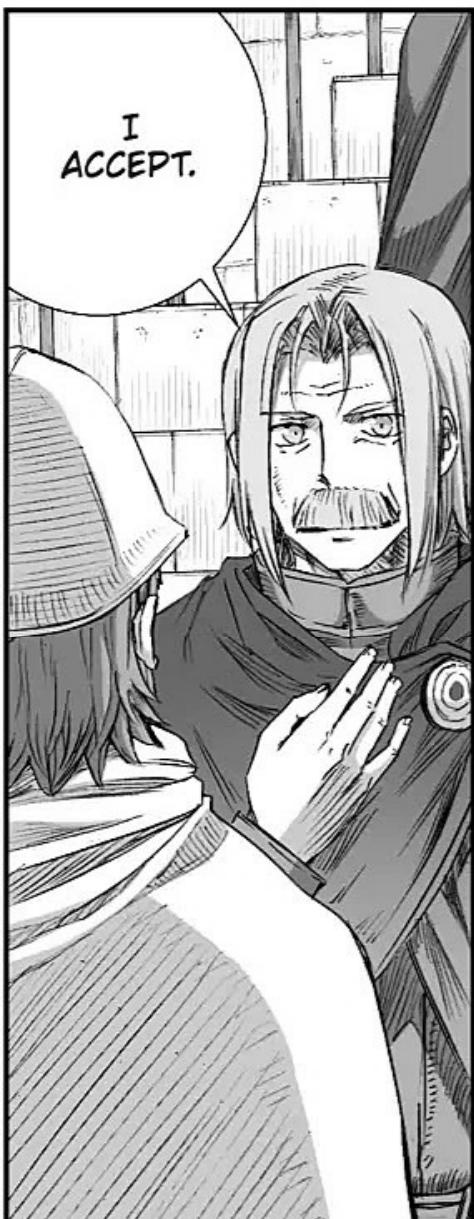
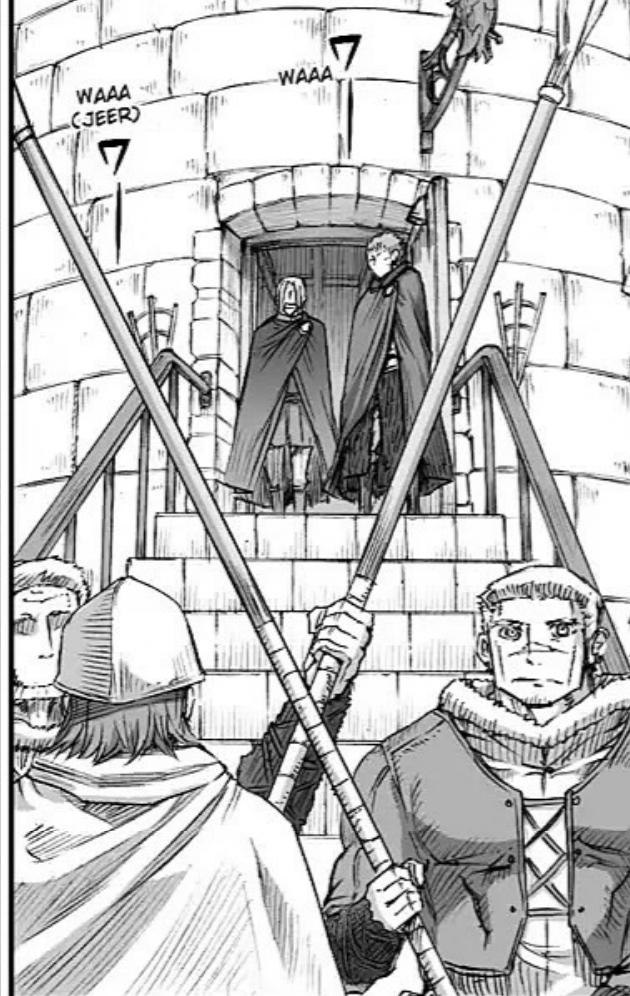


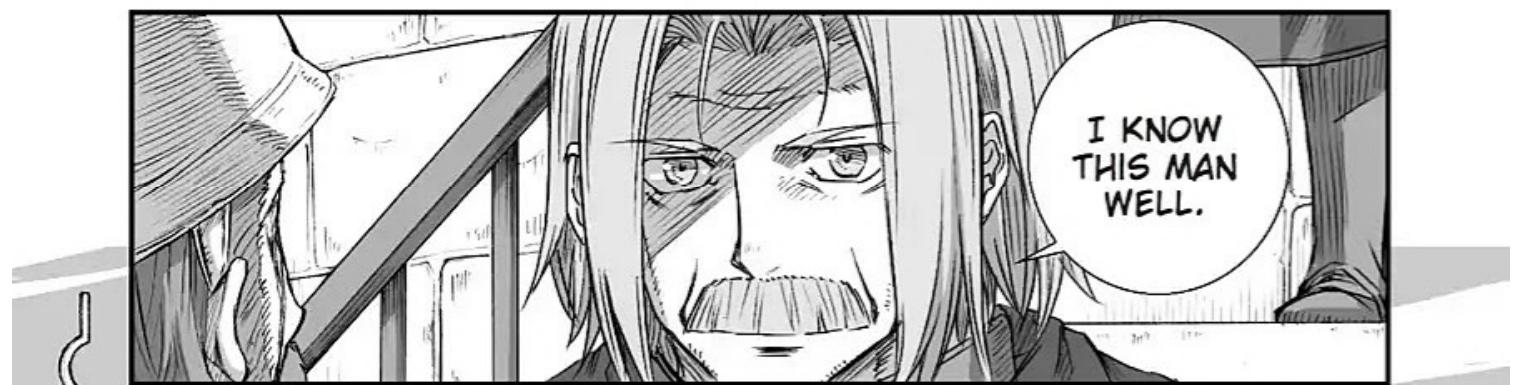


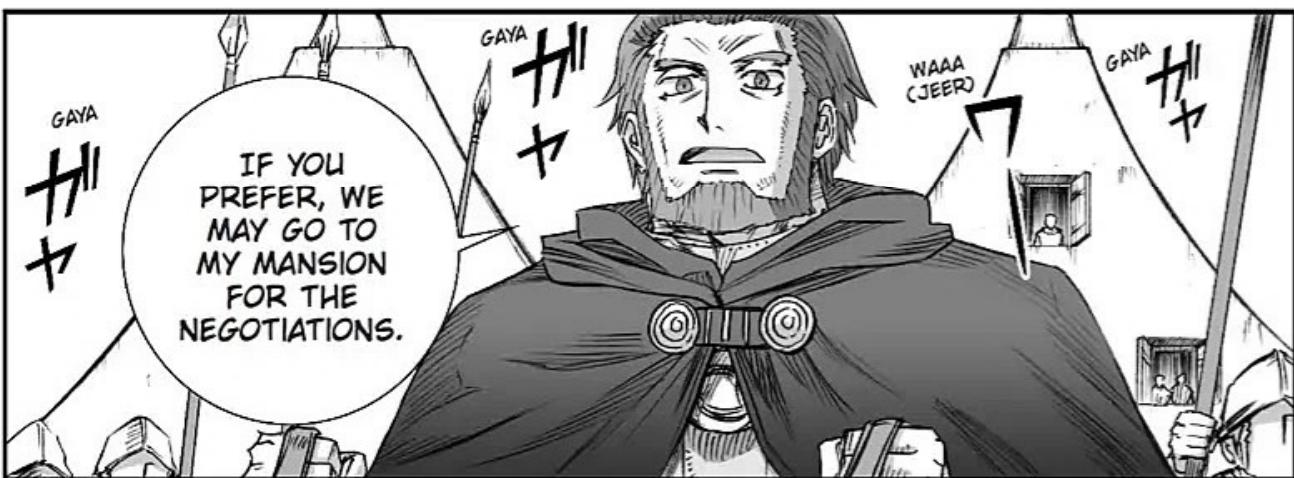


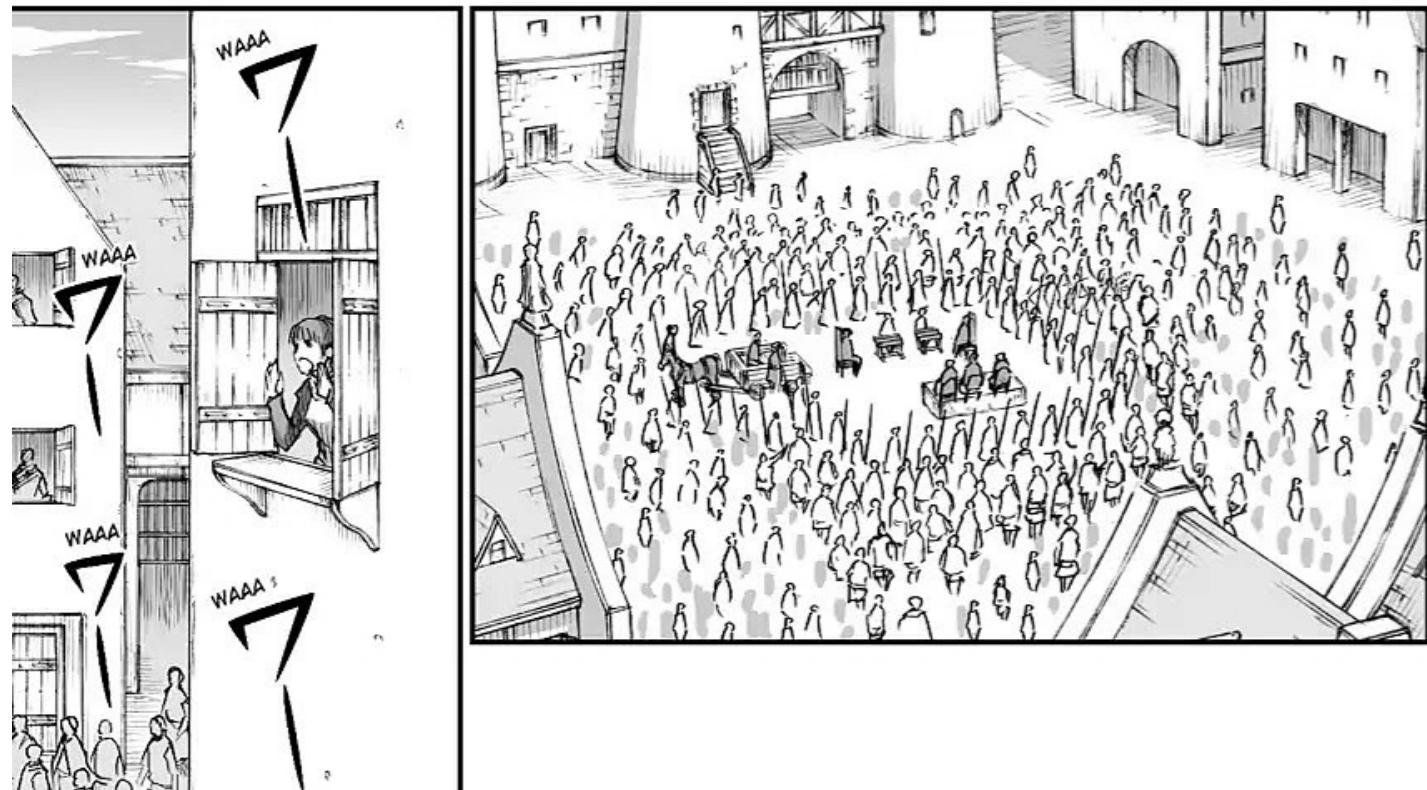
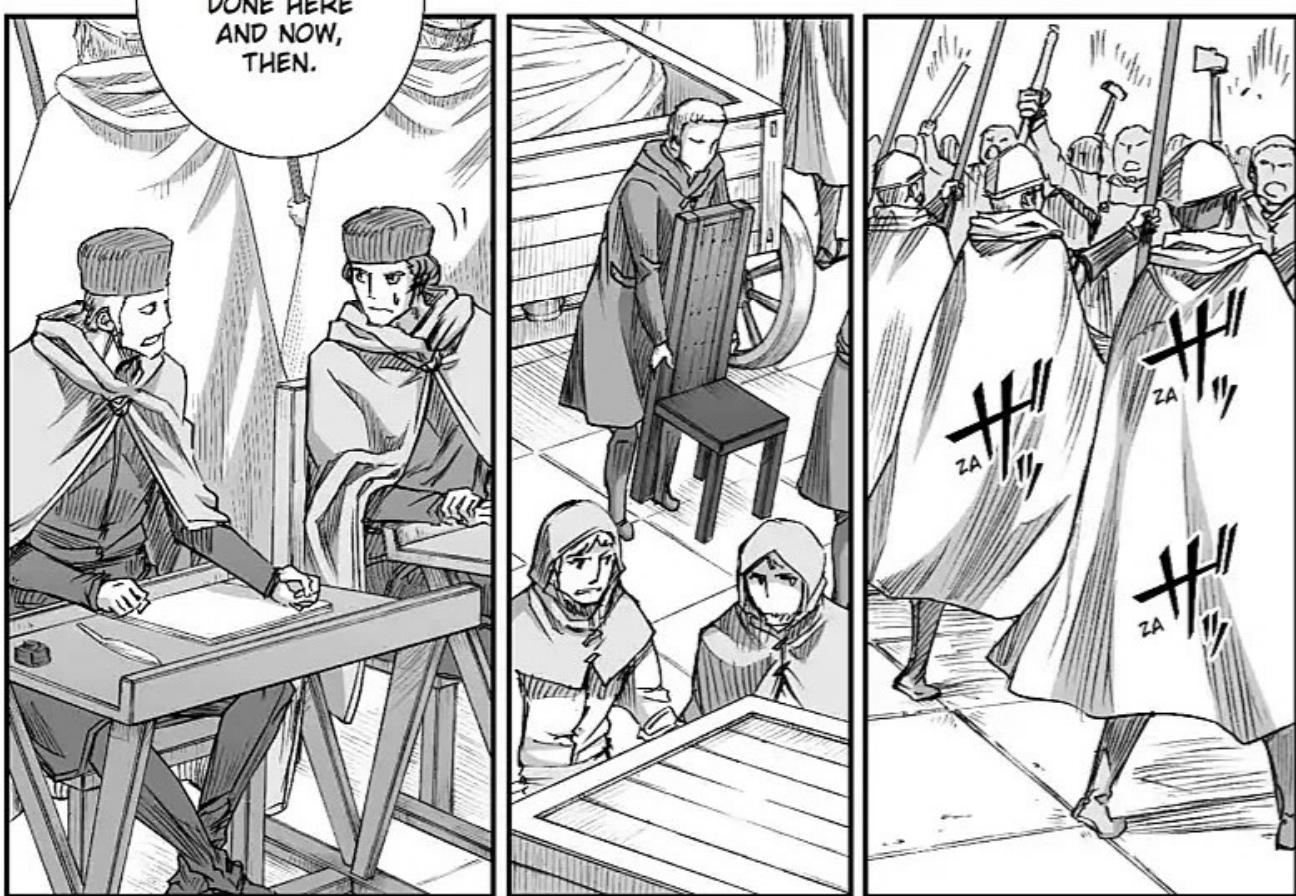
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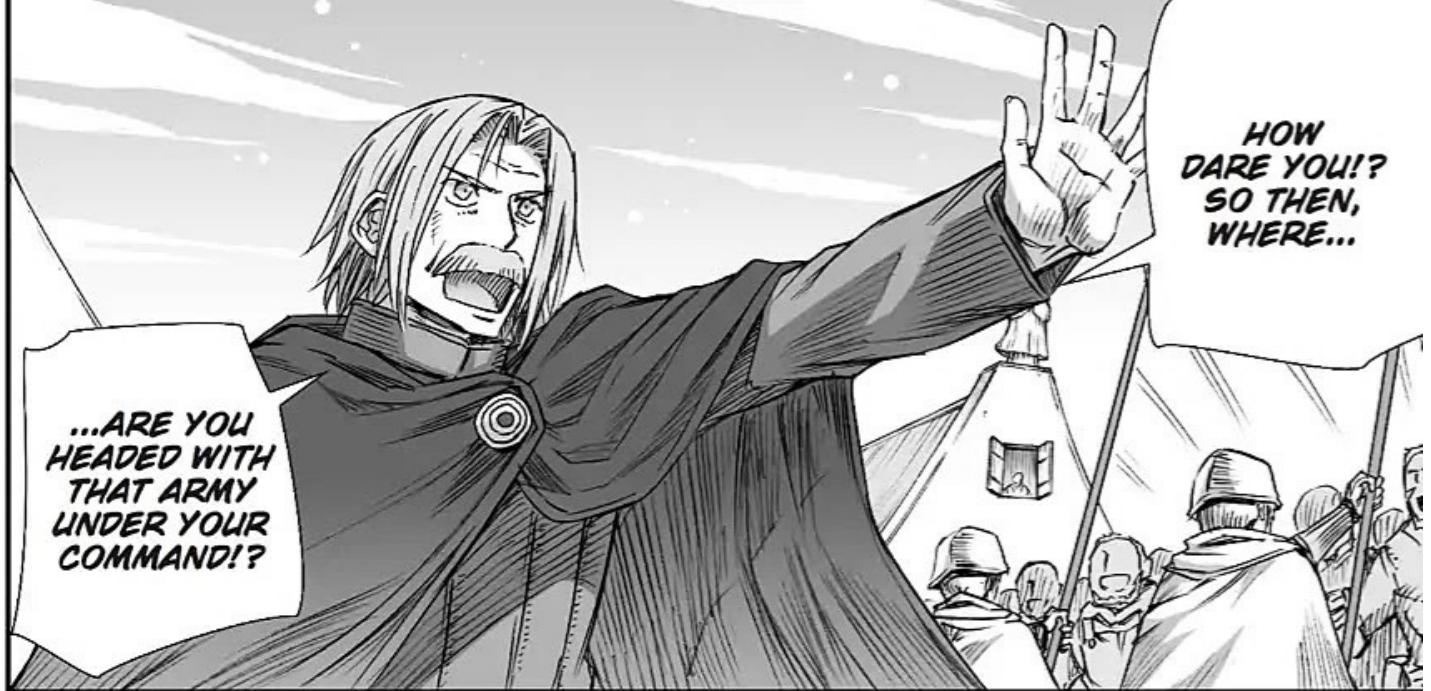








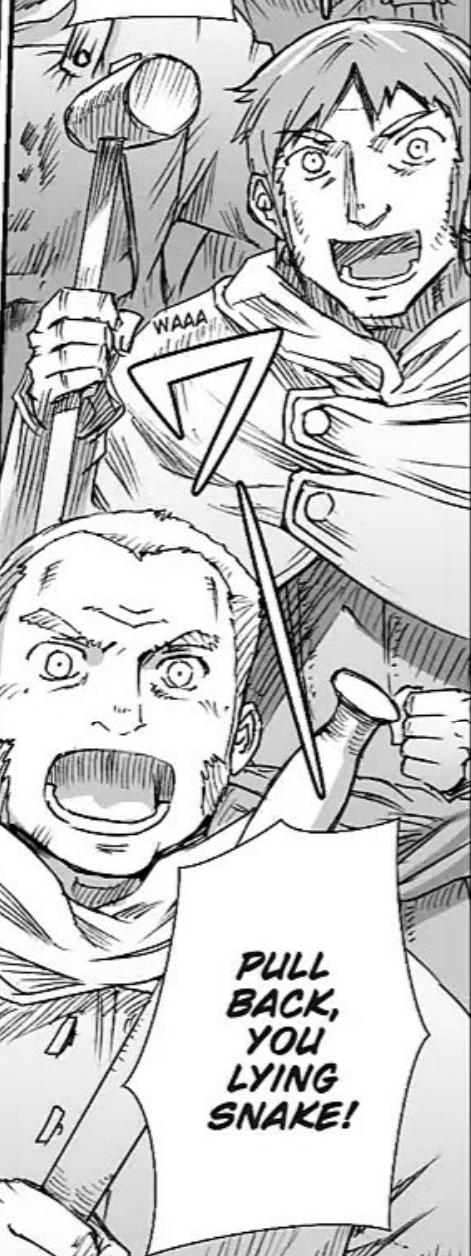


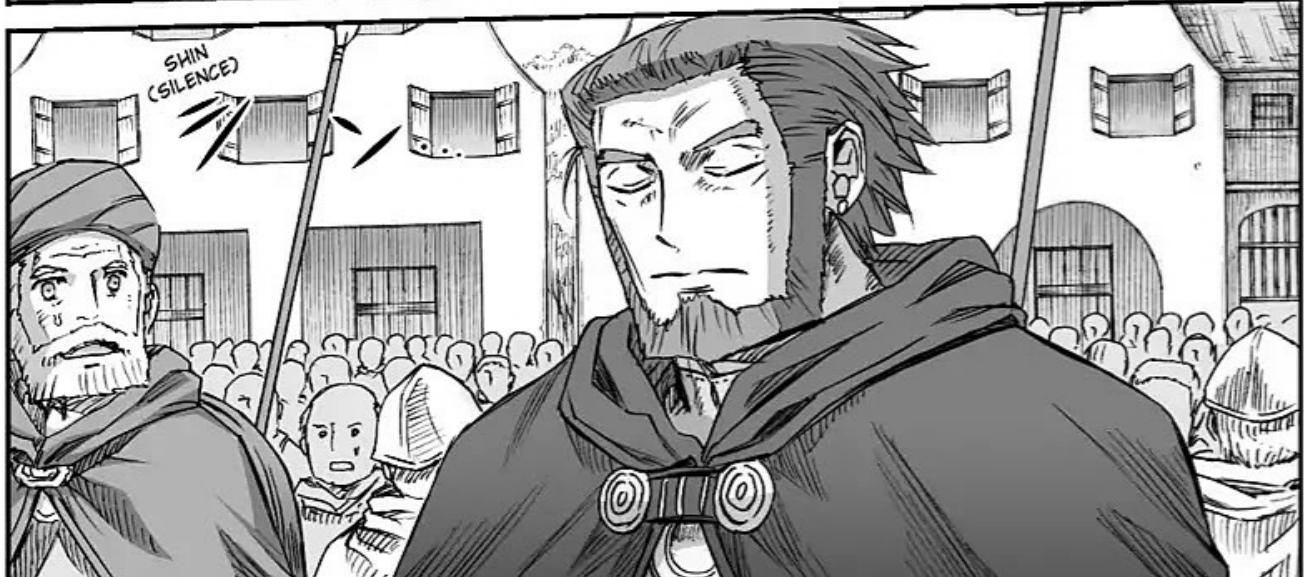
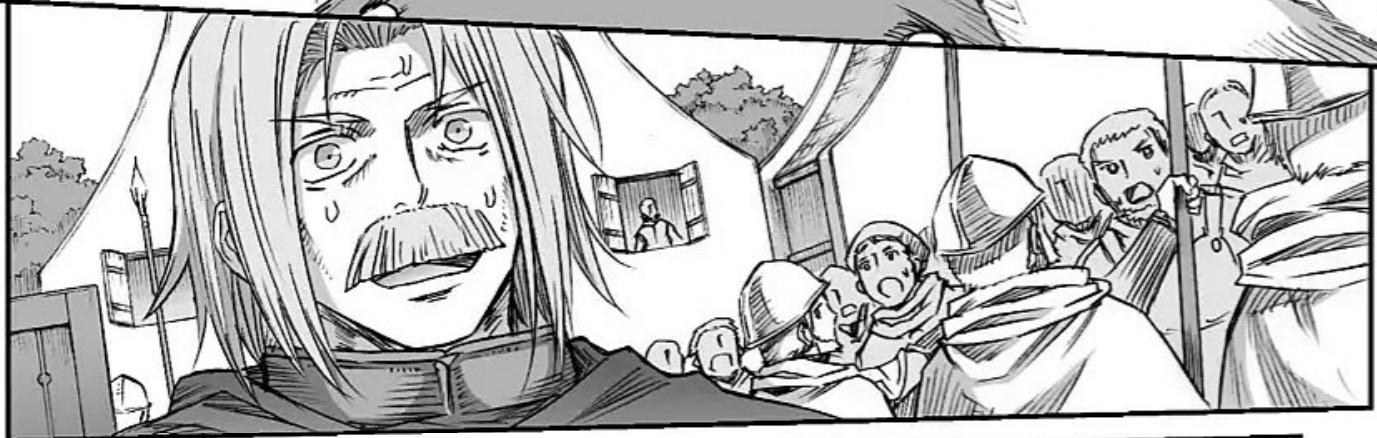


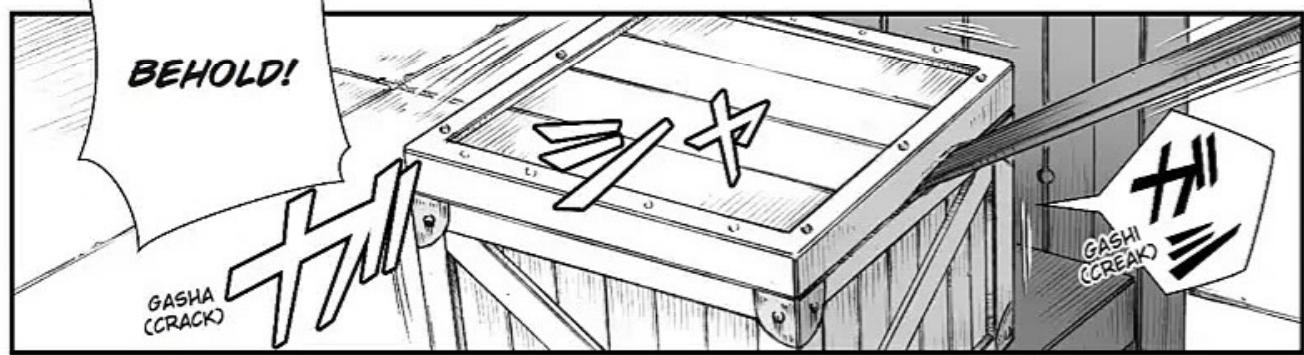
MISUNDERSTANDING.

PROTECT.

COWARD.









I AM NO
INTELLECTUAL
AGITATING
THE PEOPLE
WITH MY
POISONED
LIPS!



...LIKE
HIM!

I'M NOT
SOMEONE
WHO
DECEIVES
PEOPLE WITH
HONEYED
WORDS
ALONE...





I AM A
MERCHANT
!



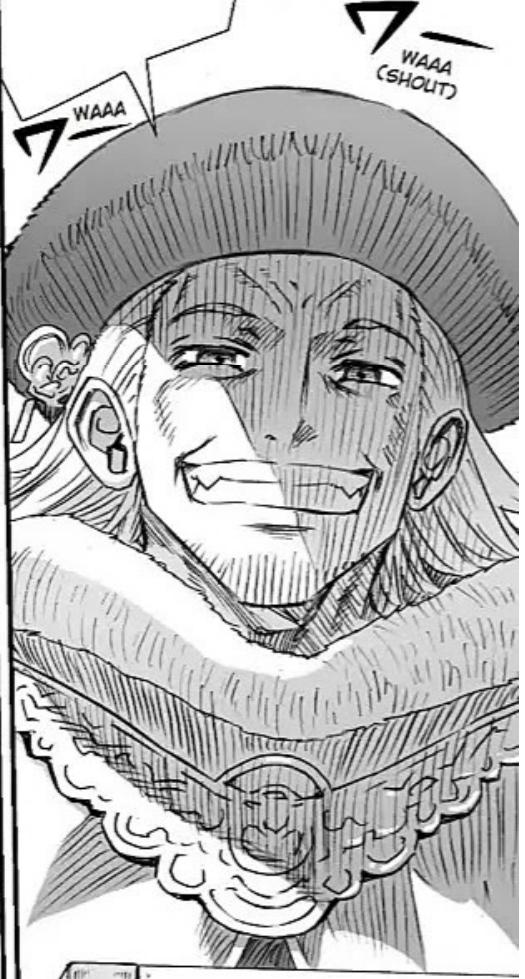


IF YOU
THINK I
DECEIVE
YOU, PICK
ONE UP AND
LOOK!

WAAA

WE
DISPENSE
THESE
SILVER
COINS
FOR OUR
TRADE!

I AM A
MERCHANT!
MERCHANTS
DO NO HARM!



THEY'RE
REAL! REAL
SILVER
COINS!!

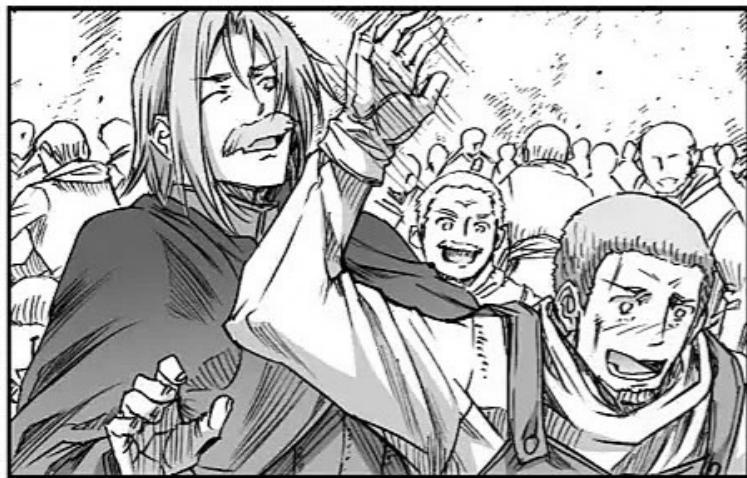
WAAA

I KNOW
IF I SOW
THESE SILVER
COINS, THEY
WILL GROW
AND BIRTH
EVEN MORE
COINS!

**GO! TAKE IT! THE DEBAU
COMPANY DISPENSES SILVER
COINS TO THE PEOPLE!**







THEY CAN
ACCEPT
THIS...?

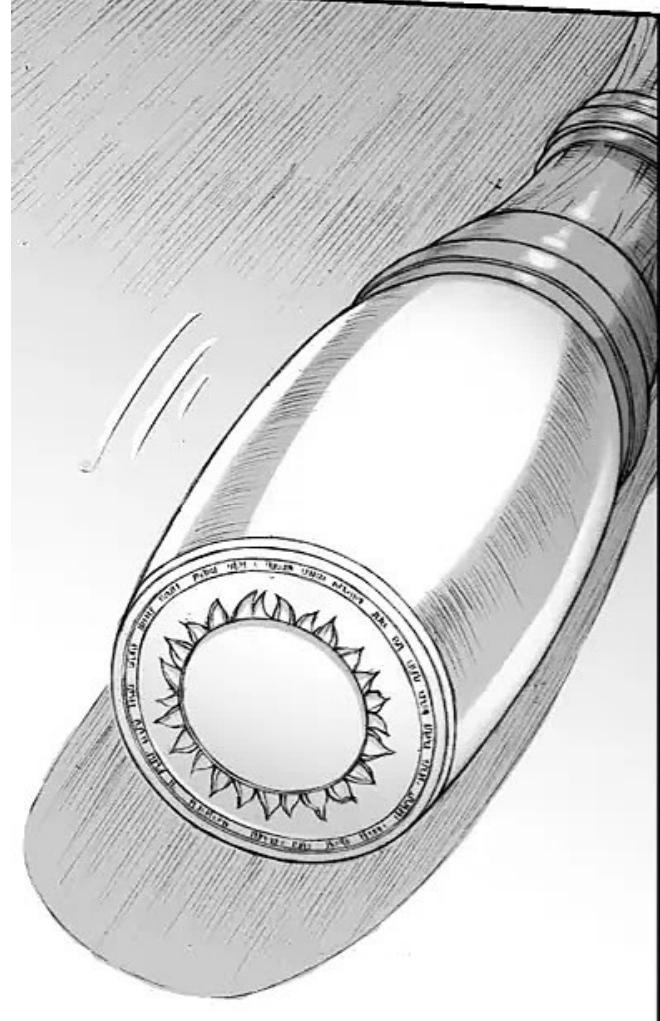
THEY
CAN ACCEPT
THIS...AS
"TRADE"!?

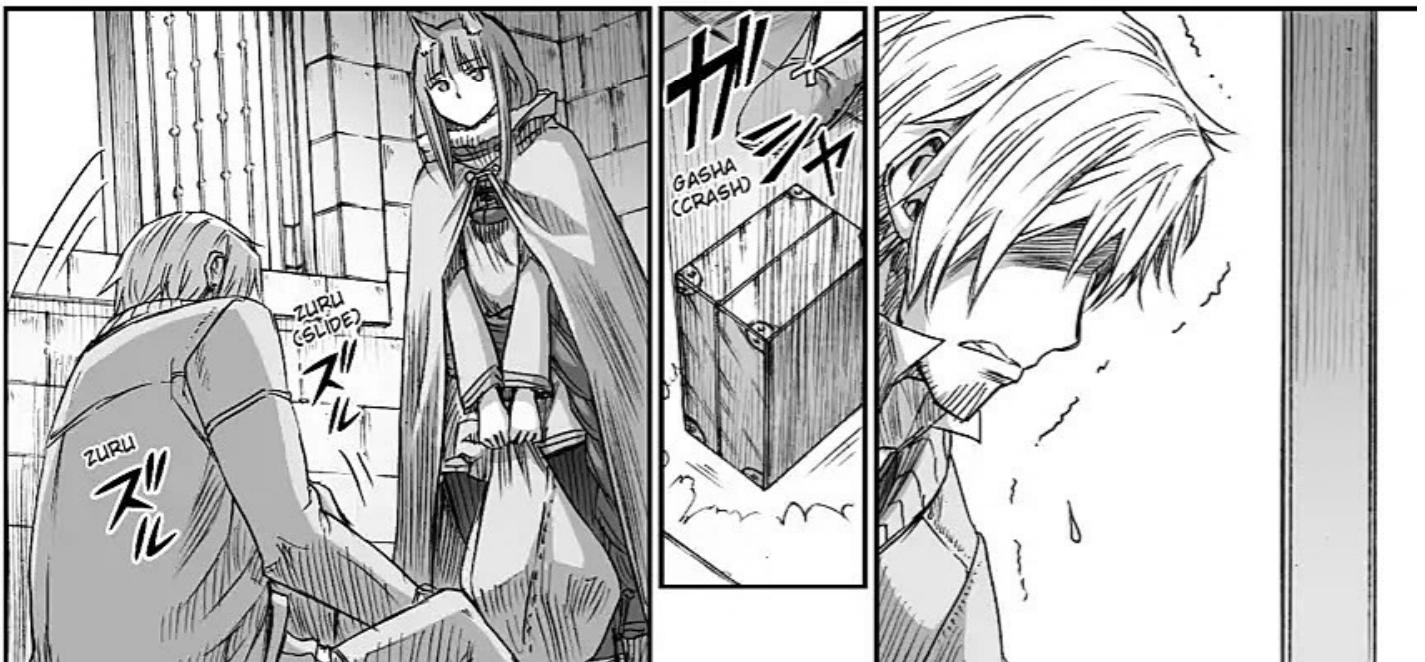
DAMMIT,
IT'S A
GOLD COIN
FOR A
SILVER,
ISN'T IT!!?

COME, YOU,
DO NOT DO
ANYTHING
STUPID!

GA
(GRAP)

GASHA
(CLINK)





...EVEN
I COULD
NOT HAVE
ENDURED IT
WITHOUT
YOU.

'TIS BY
ENDURING IT
I HAVE COME
THIS FAR.

I WAS ABLE
TO WALK
BECAUSE YOU
PULLED ME
ALONG.

SO...

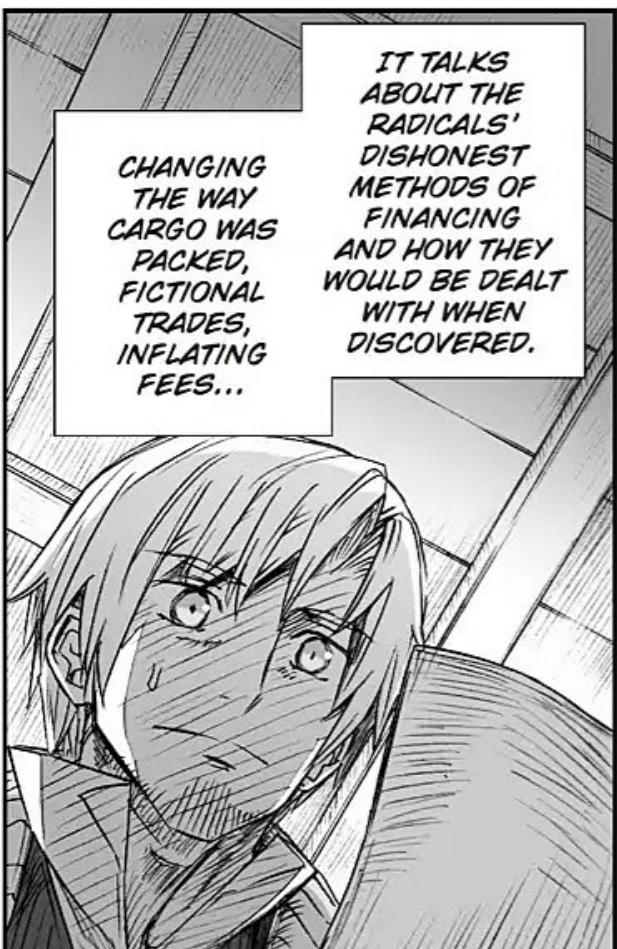
YET,
STILL...







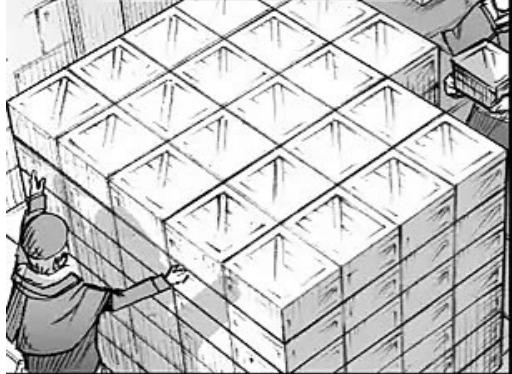
THE COMPANY
AS THEY ARE
NOW DO NOT
HAVE THE FUNDS
TO OPERATE A
SIEGE.







IF THAT WERE THE CASE, THEN AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF GOLD SHOULD BE RESTING WITH THE DEBAU COMPANY IN LESKO.



ONE ROUND-TRIP BROUGHT THE PROFIT OF EIGHT SILVER PER ONE GOLD COIN.

KERUBE

...ONE COULD TAKE IT AND TURN IT INTO GOLD IN KERUBE, EXCHANGE IT FOR SILVER, AND MAKE LOTS OF MONEY WITH LITTLE EFFORT.

BASICALLY, AFTER TAKING GOLD OBTAINED IN LESKO TO THE DEBAU COMPANY AND TURNING IT INTO A BILL OF EXCHANGE...

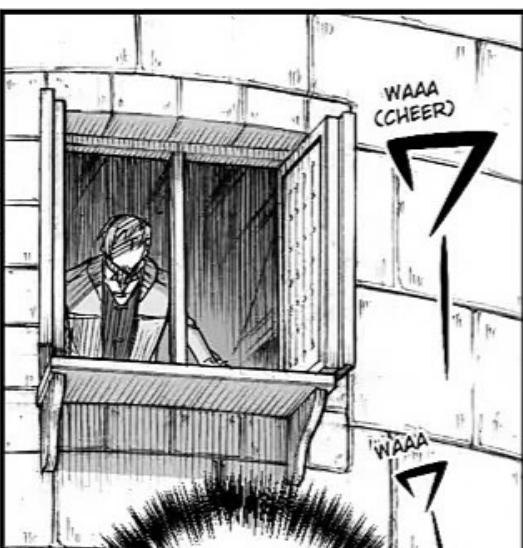
35 SILVER PER ONE GOLD COIN WAS THE MARKET PRICE IN KERUBE

X35
X27 → ○ →
ONLY 27 SILVER PER GOLD IN LESKO

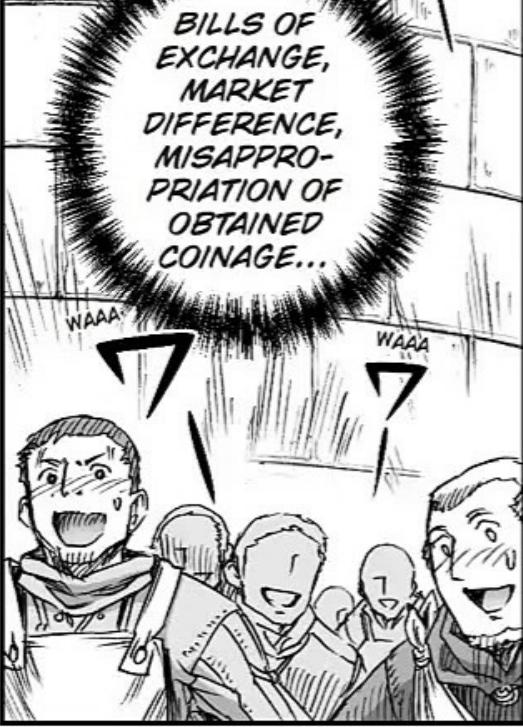
LESKO



BUT IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH TO CALM THE CROWD AND SILENCE YANARKIN...

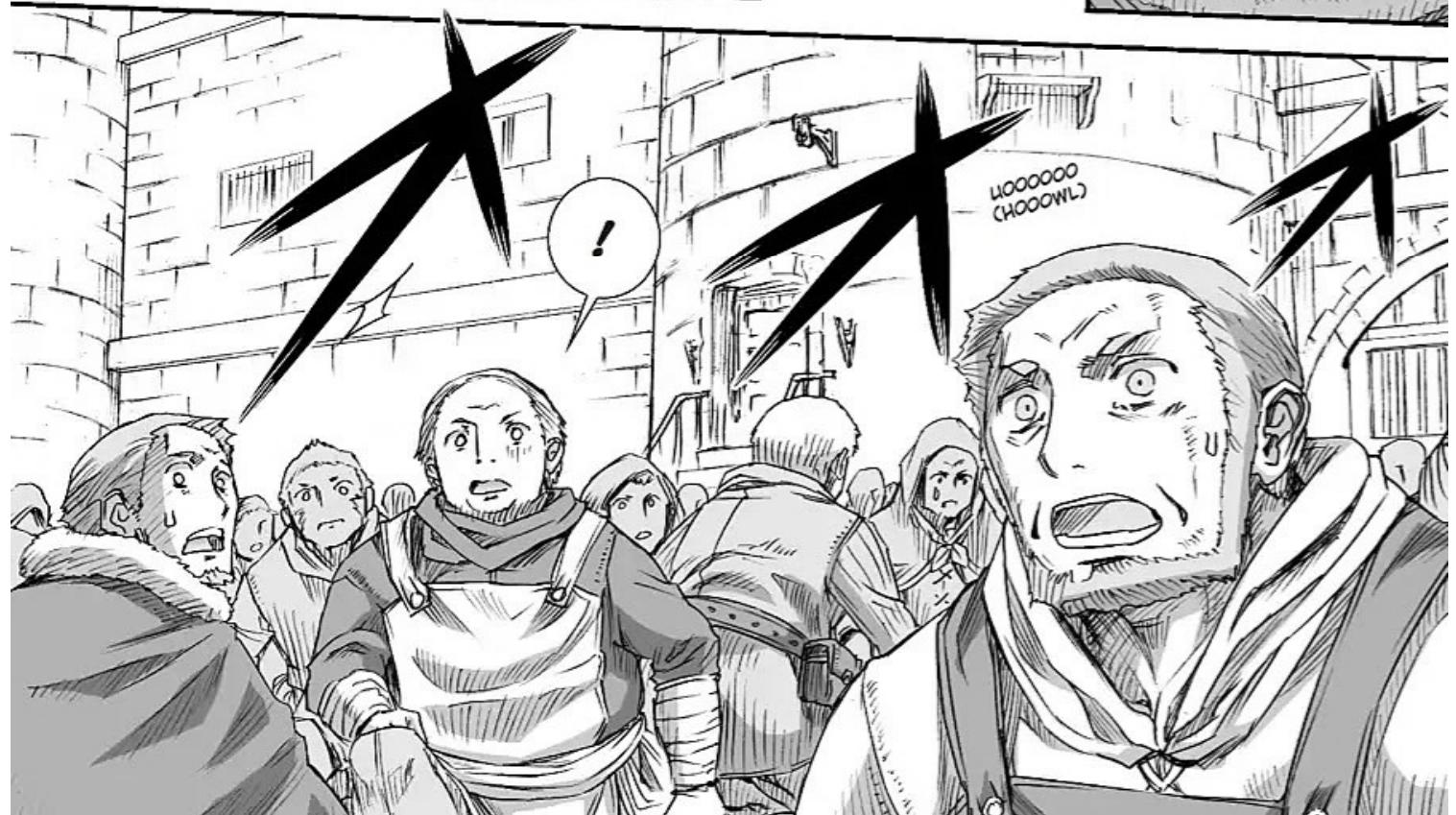


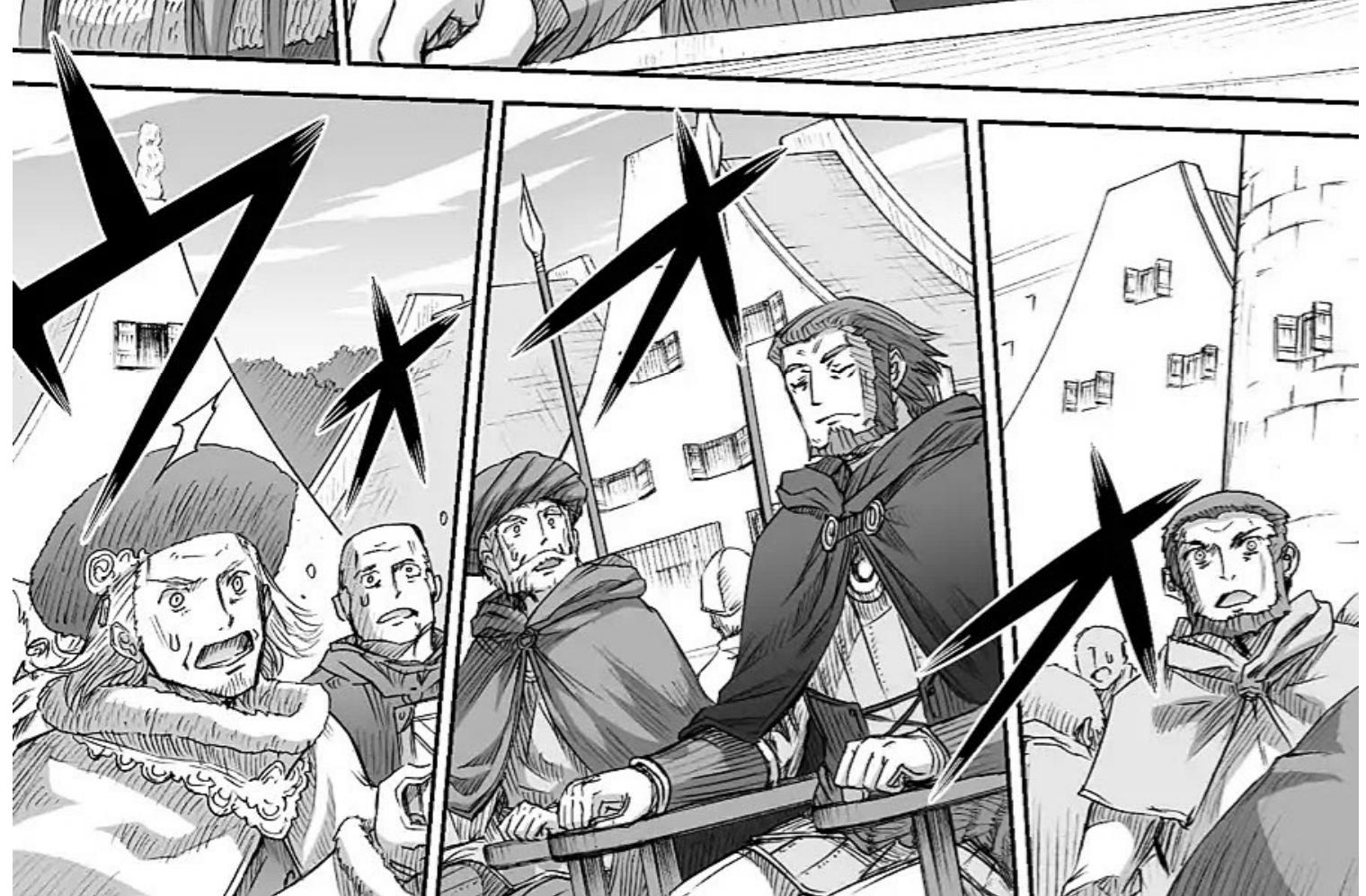
BILLS OF EXCHANGE, MARKET DIFFERENCE, MISAPPROPRIATION OF OBTAINED COINAGE...



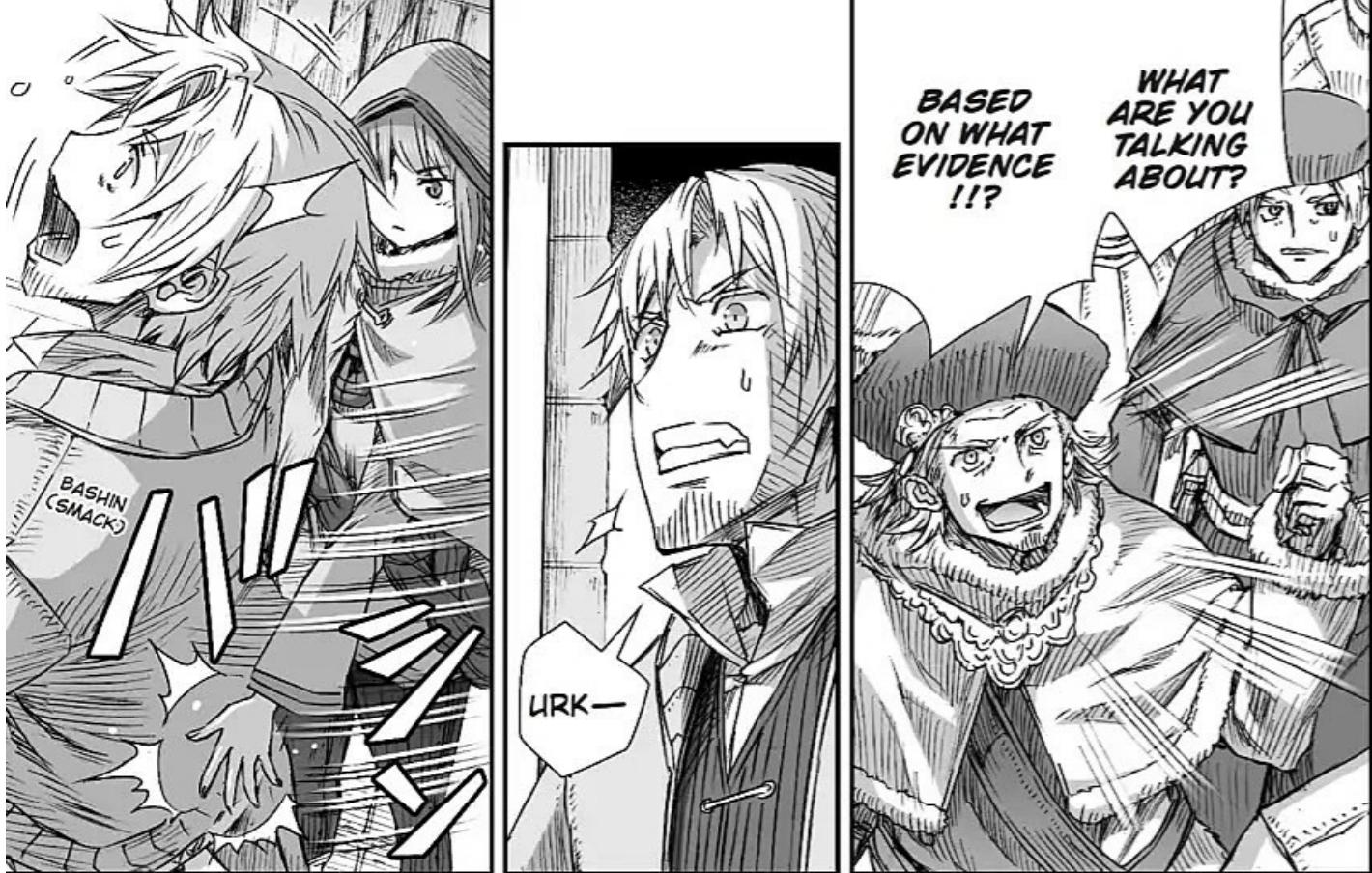


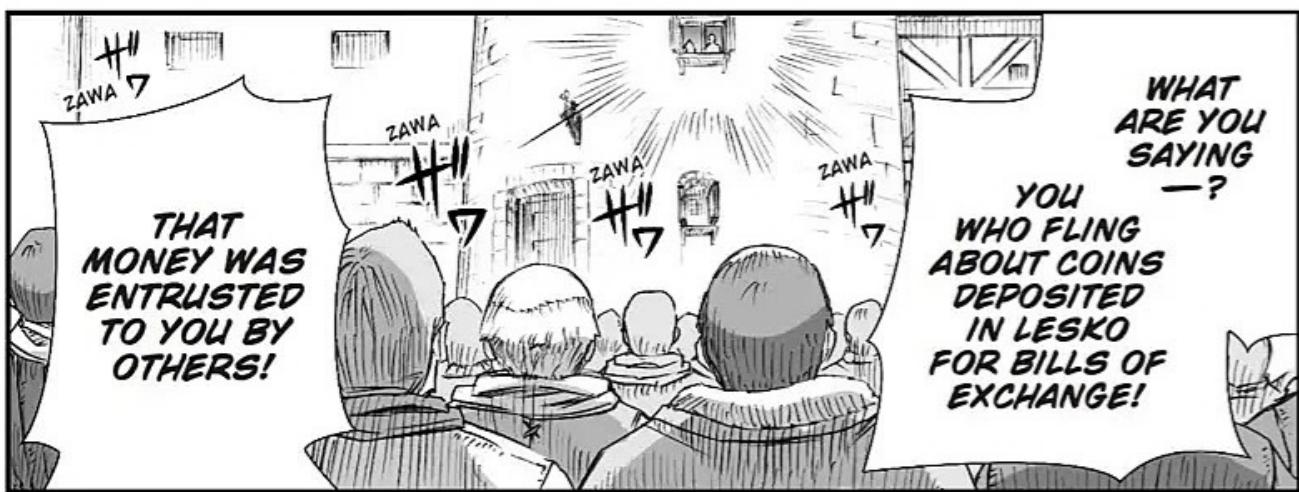






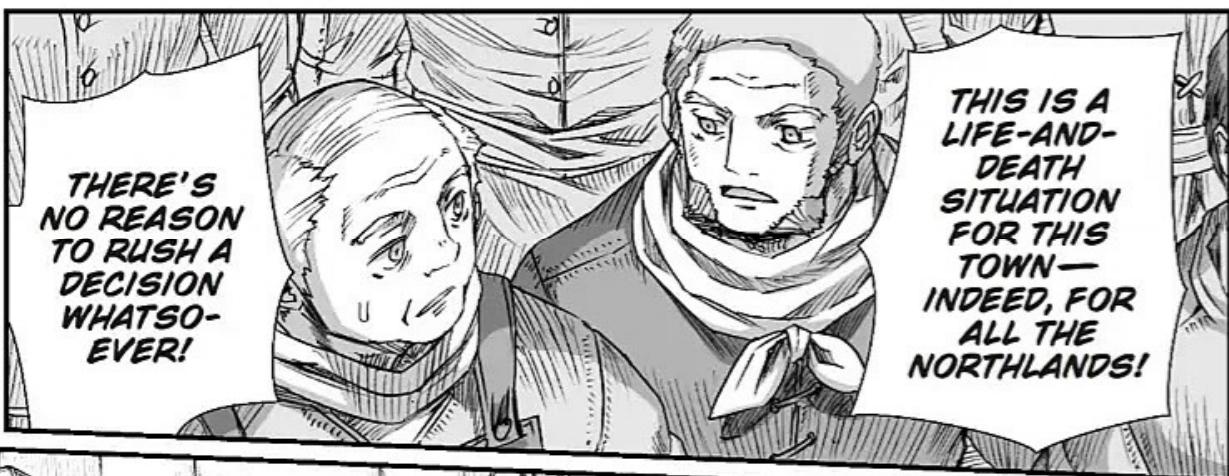


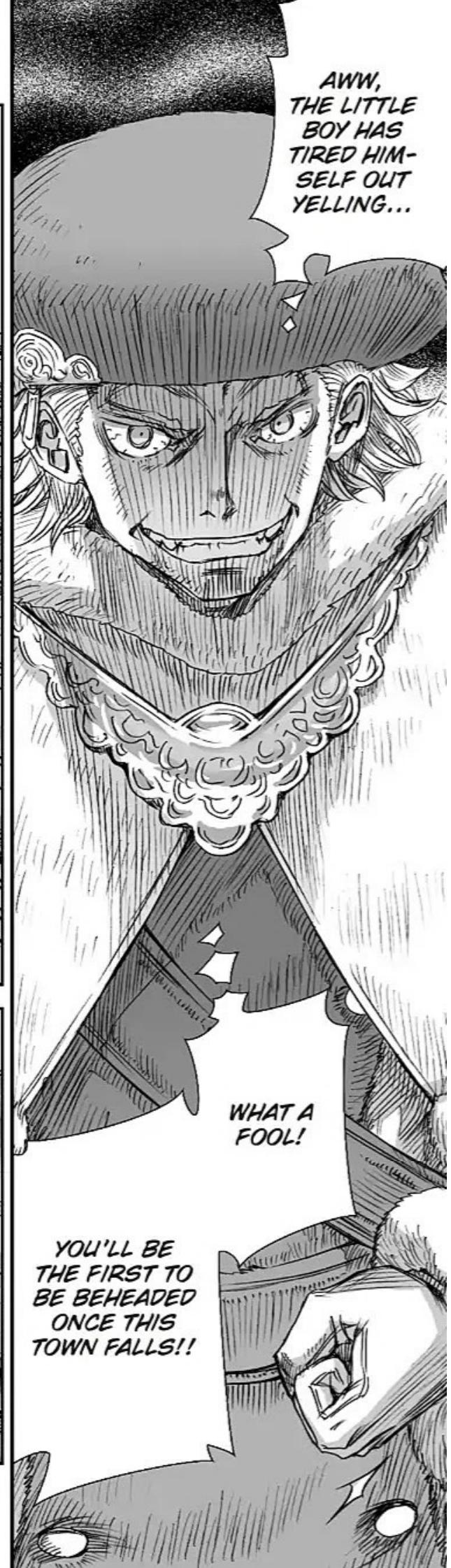






...AND
CONFIRM
THIS WHOLE
SITUATION!

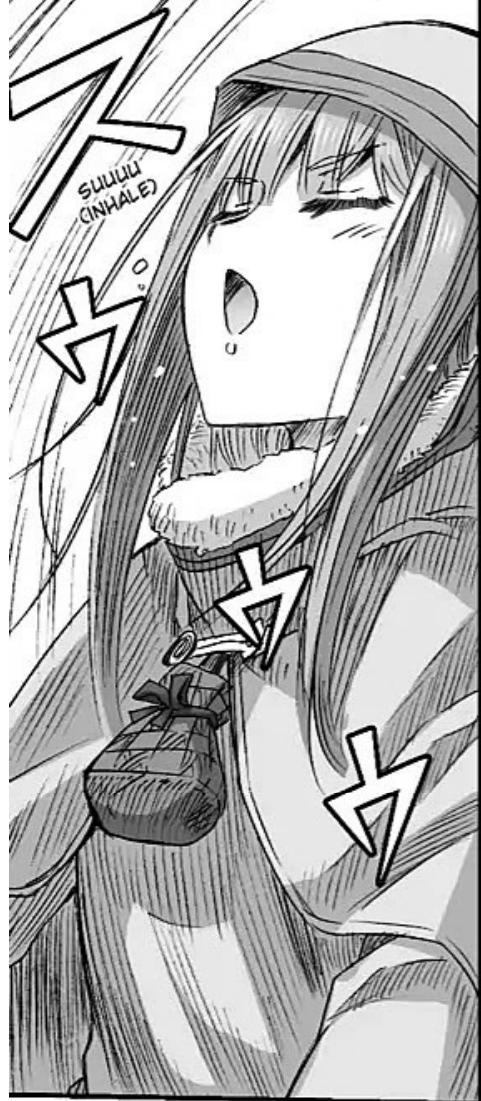






BUT
YOU ARE
ALONE NO
LONGER.

THEN...





AS YOU FLUNG THESE SILVER COINS ABOUT!

YOU SPOKE OF HOW, BY SOWING THESE SILVER COINS, THEY WILL GROW AND BIRTH EVEN MORE COINS!



THE CHURCH DOES NOT APPROVE OF INTEREST!



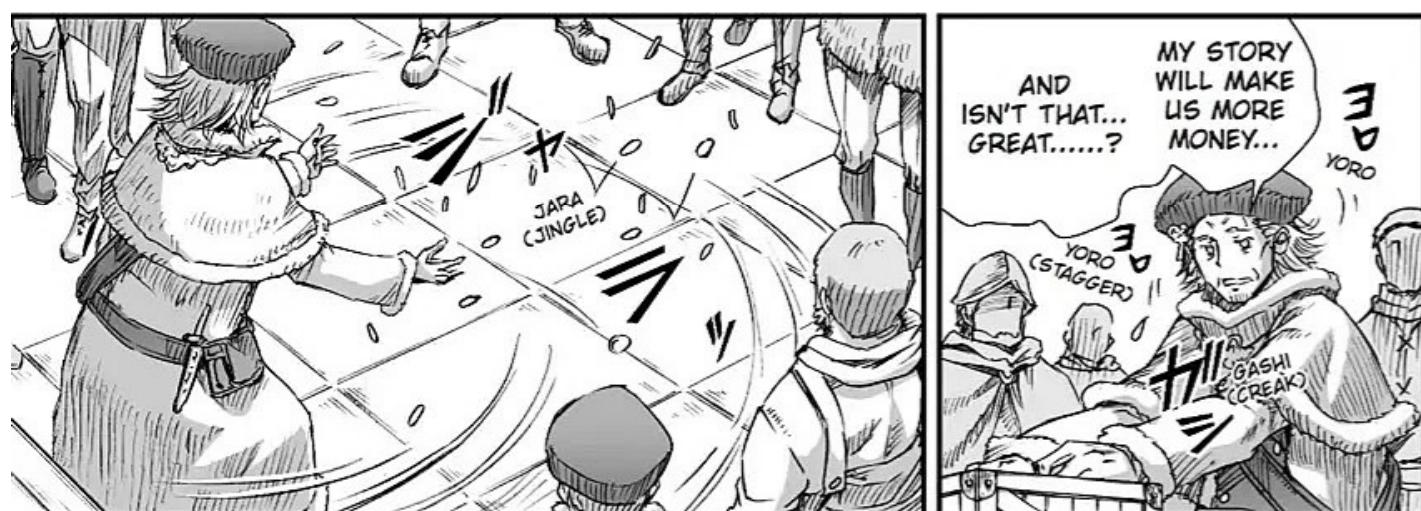
BUT IF THEY WERE TO GIVE BIRTH TO ANYTHING, THAT WOULD BE INTEREST!

WHAT IS YOUR OBJECTIVE !?



DO YOU INTEND TO ANGER THE CHURCH AND HAVE THEM INVADE, BRINGING DESTRUCTION TO A BLAMELESS LAND!?

SHE'S FROM THE CHURCH?



IT CAN'T
BE.....

NO.....



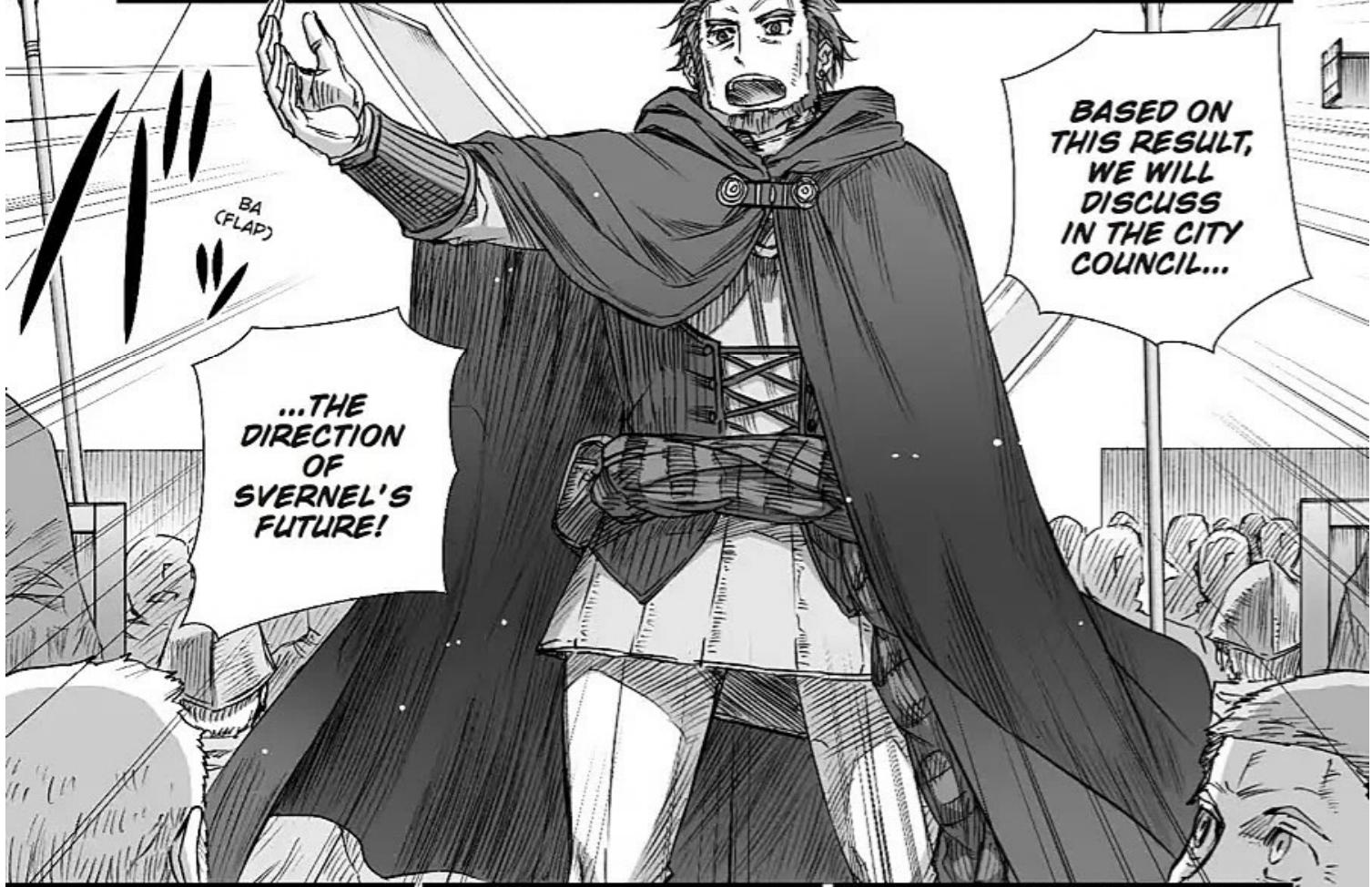
THIS
MEETING
IS OVER!

BASED ON
THIS RESULT,
WE WILL
DISCUSS
IN THE CITY
COUNCIL...

...THE
DIRECTION
OF
SVERNEL'S
FUTURE!



BA
(FLAP)



WAAA

WAAA CHEER

WAAA





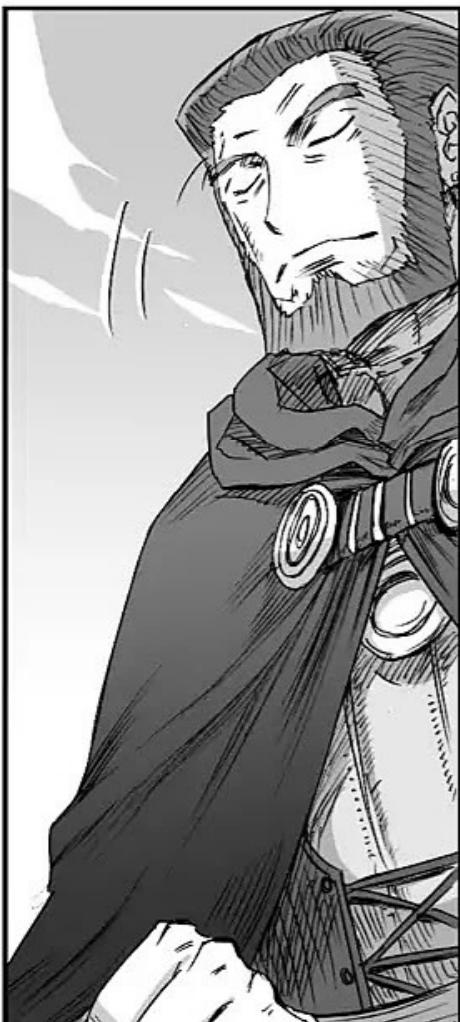
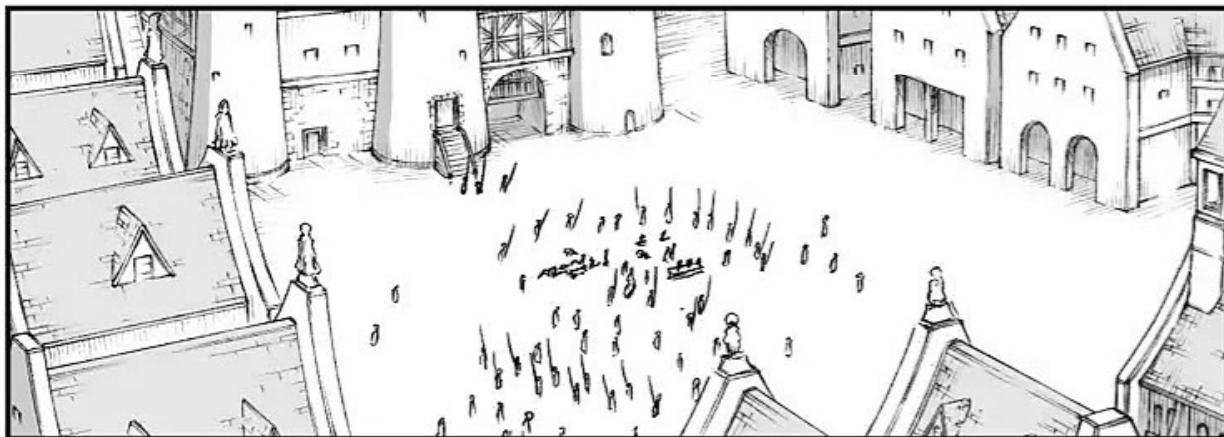
WE WON
AGAINST
VILLAINS WHO
HAD TRIED
TO SEIZE THE
HEARTS OF
THE PEOPLE BY
FLAUNTING
COIN.



WE WON!
IT WAS A
COMPLETE
VICTORY.







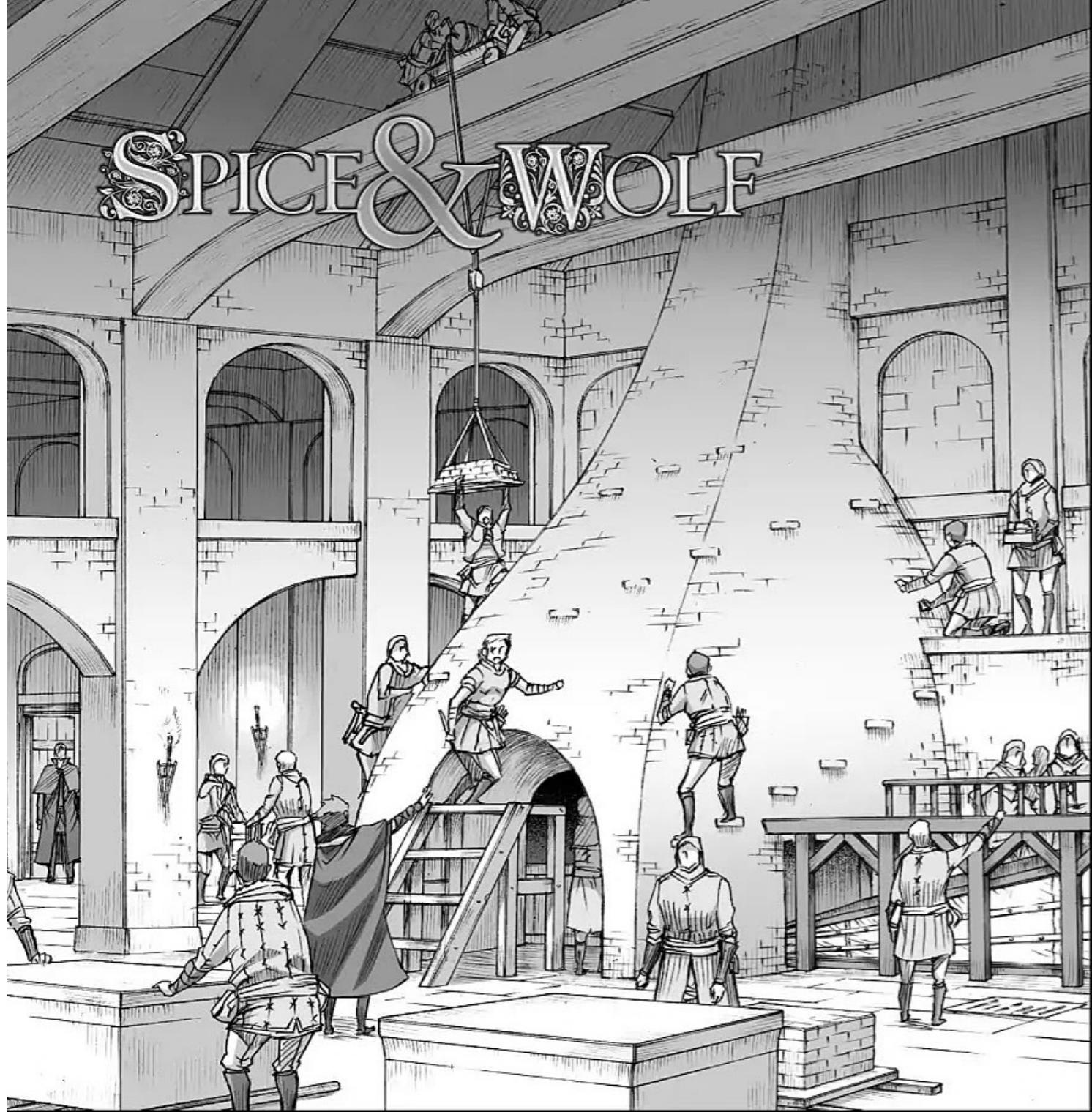


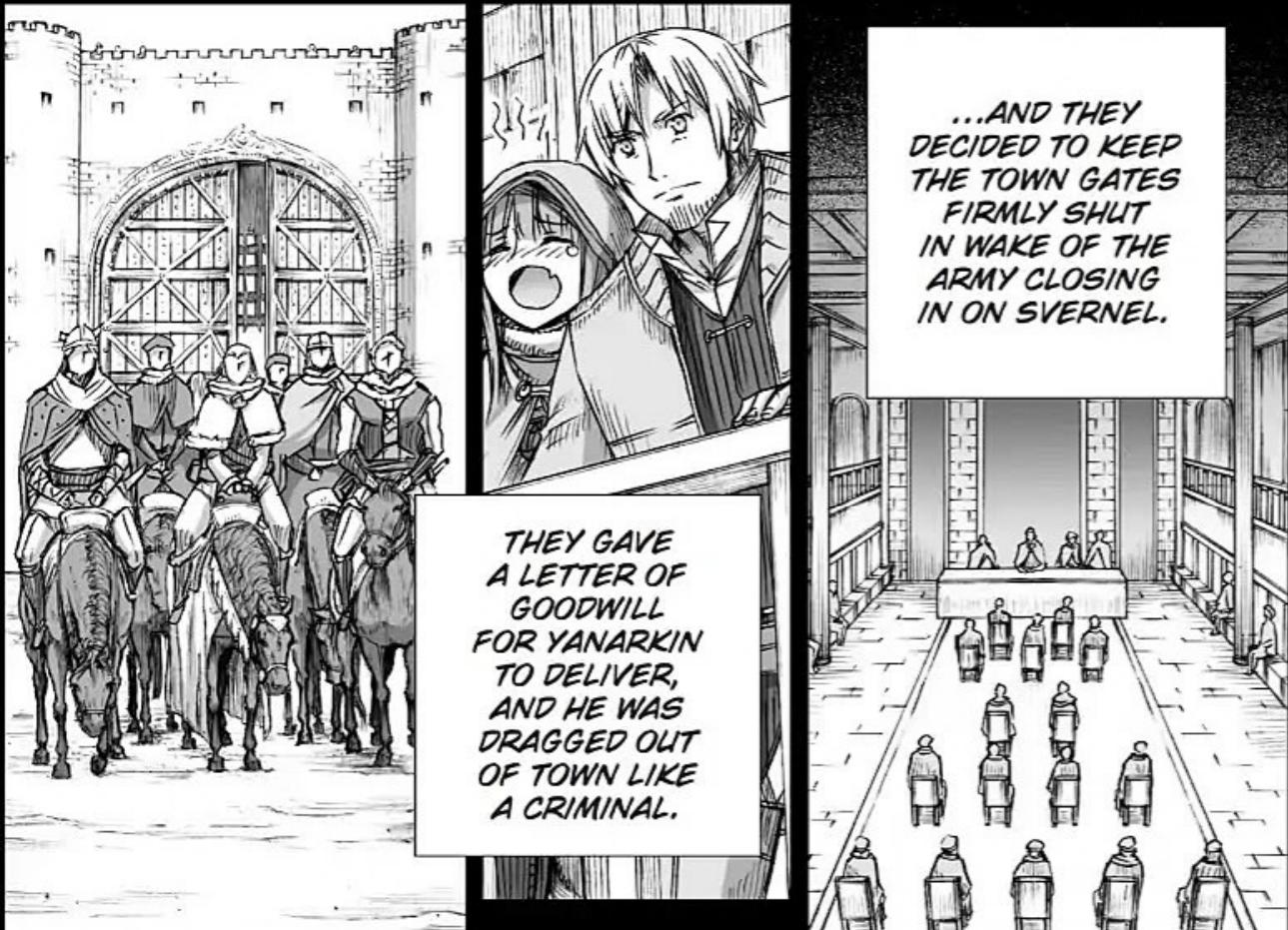


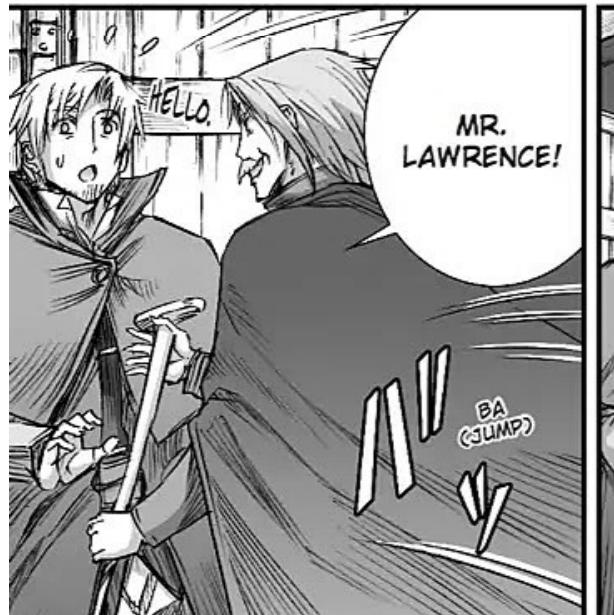


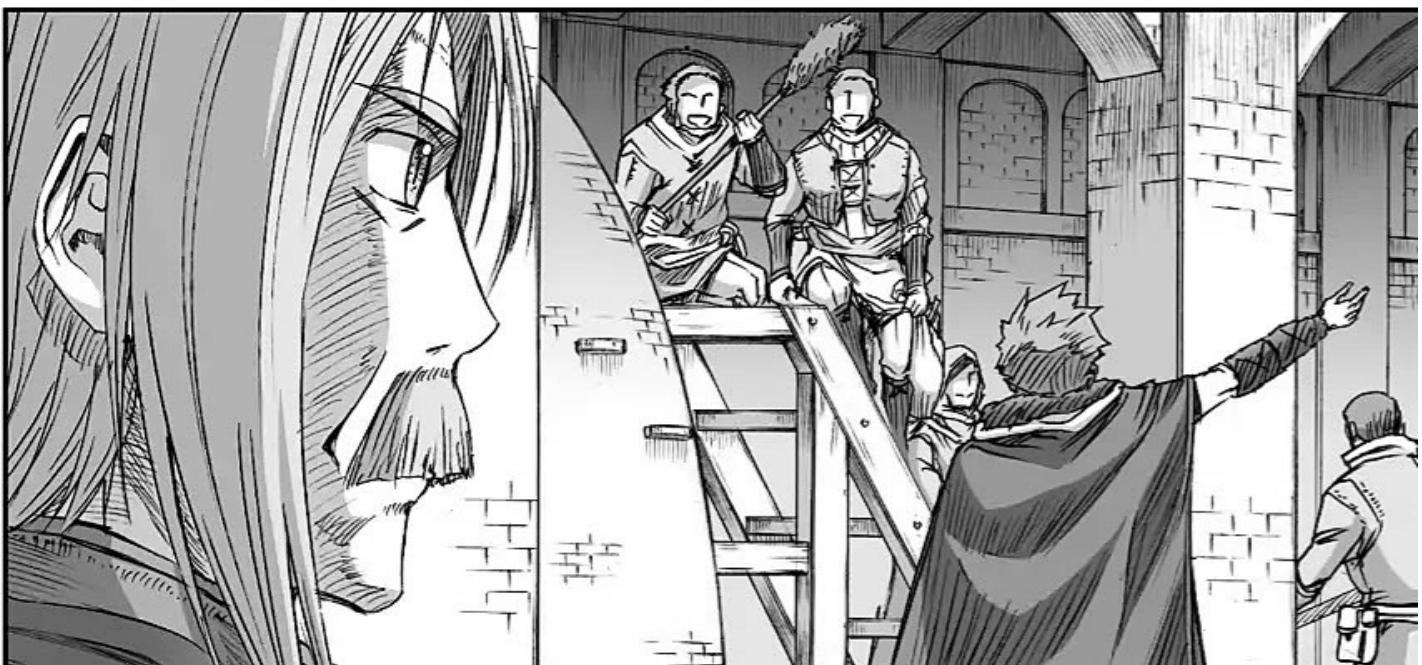
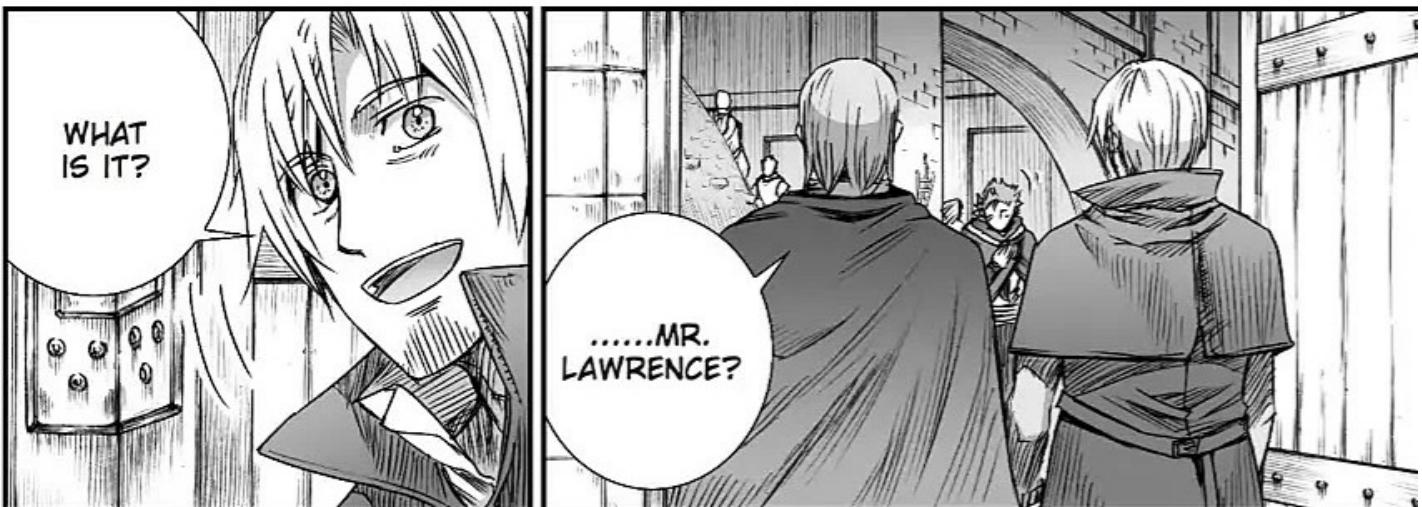


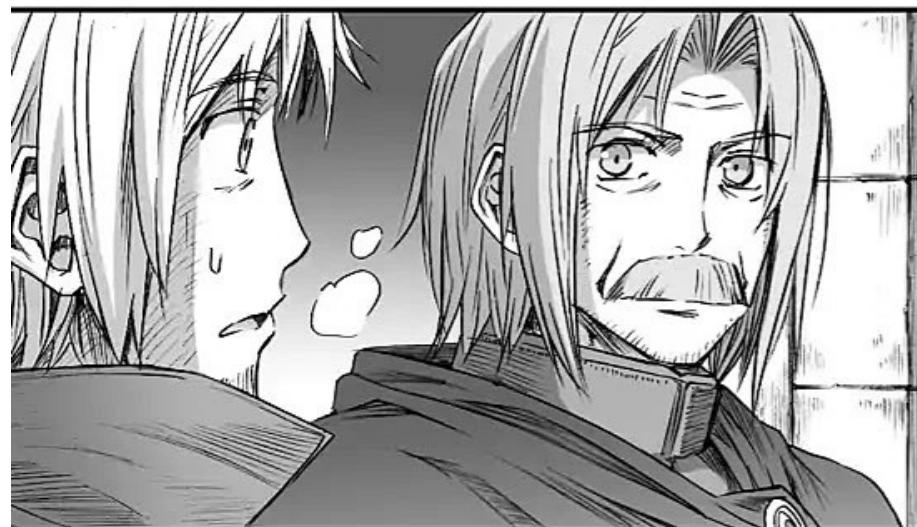
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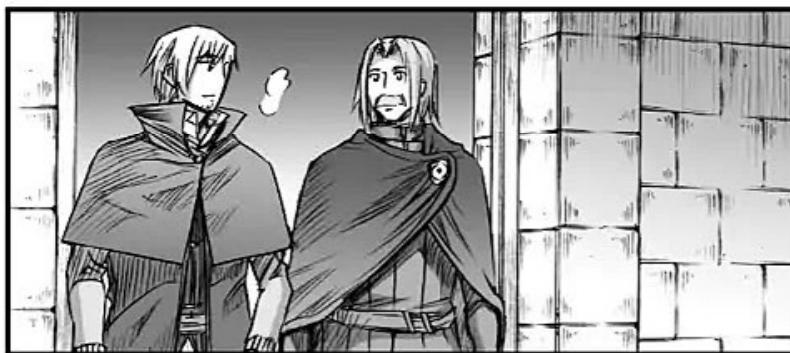








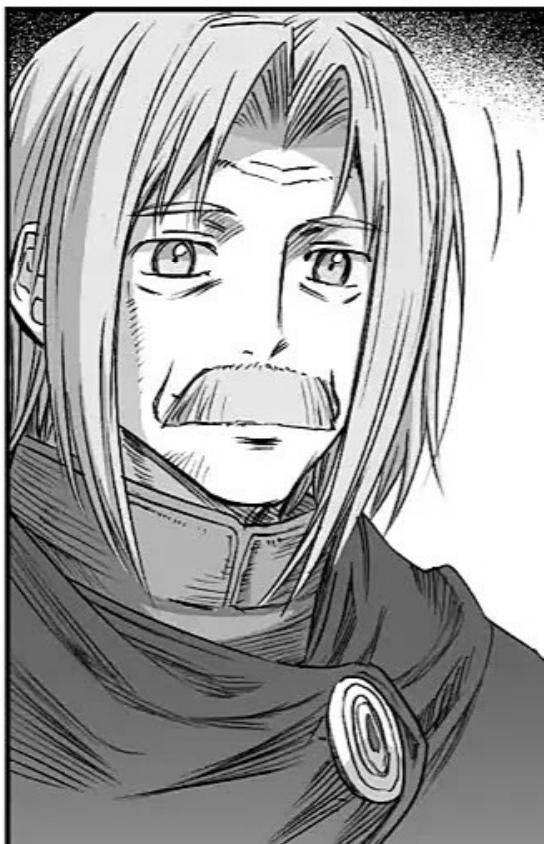
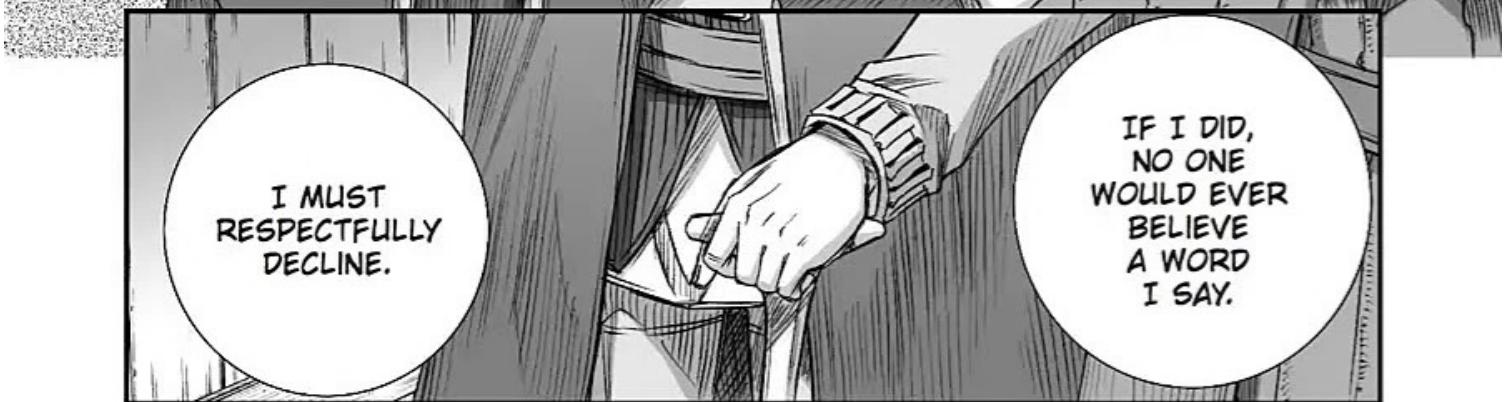
WHY DON'T
YOU JOIN
THE DEBAU
COMPANY?

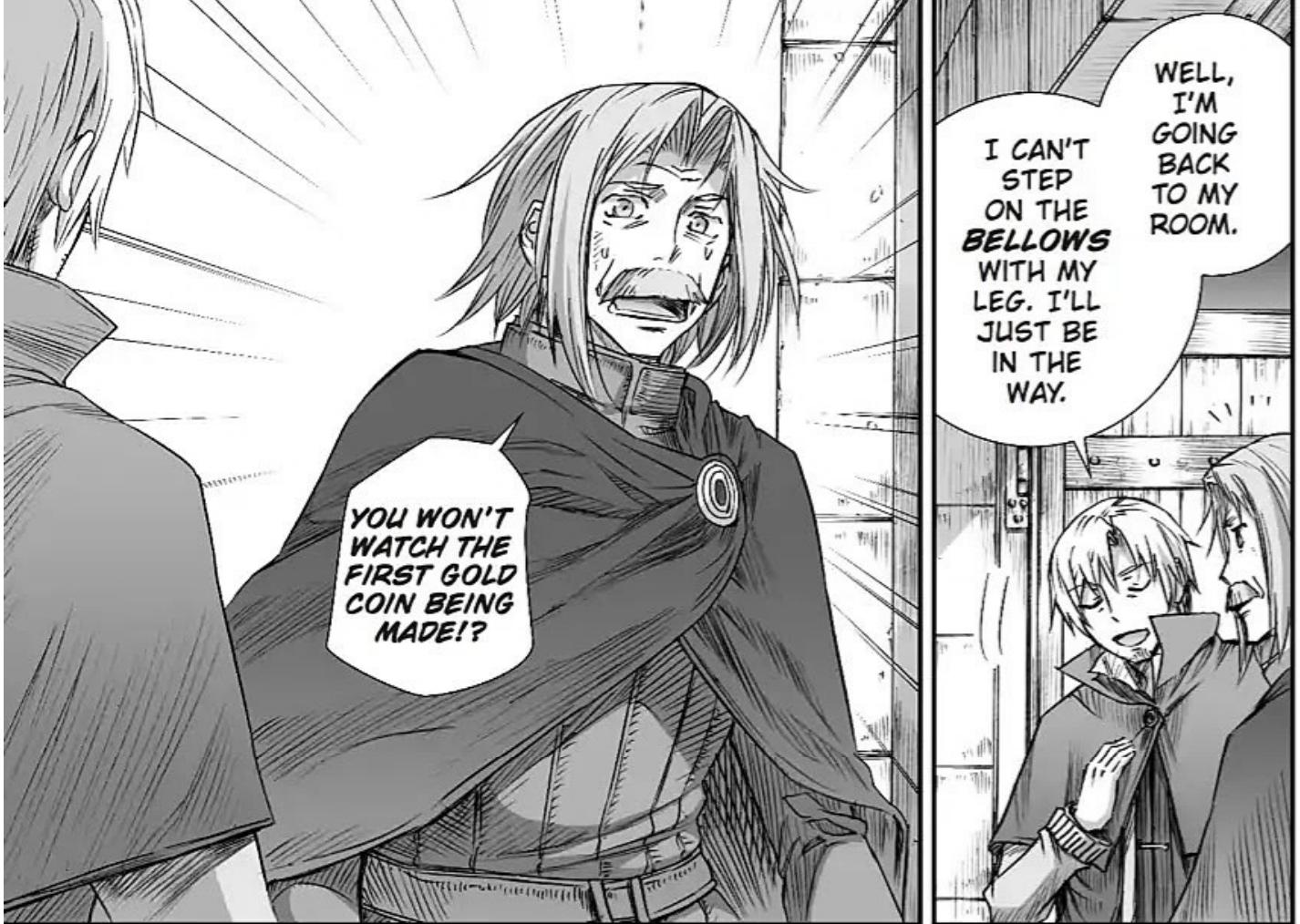


YES. I
GUARANTEE
IT.

IF I
TOOK YOU
UP ON THAT,
EVERY DAY
WOULD BE AN
ADVENTURE,
WOULDN'T
IT?



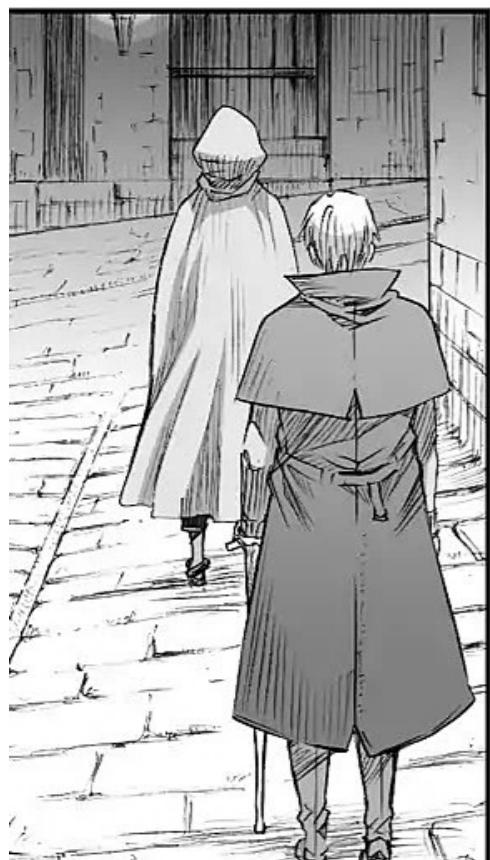
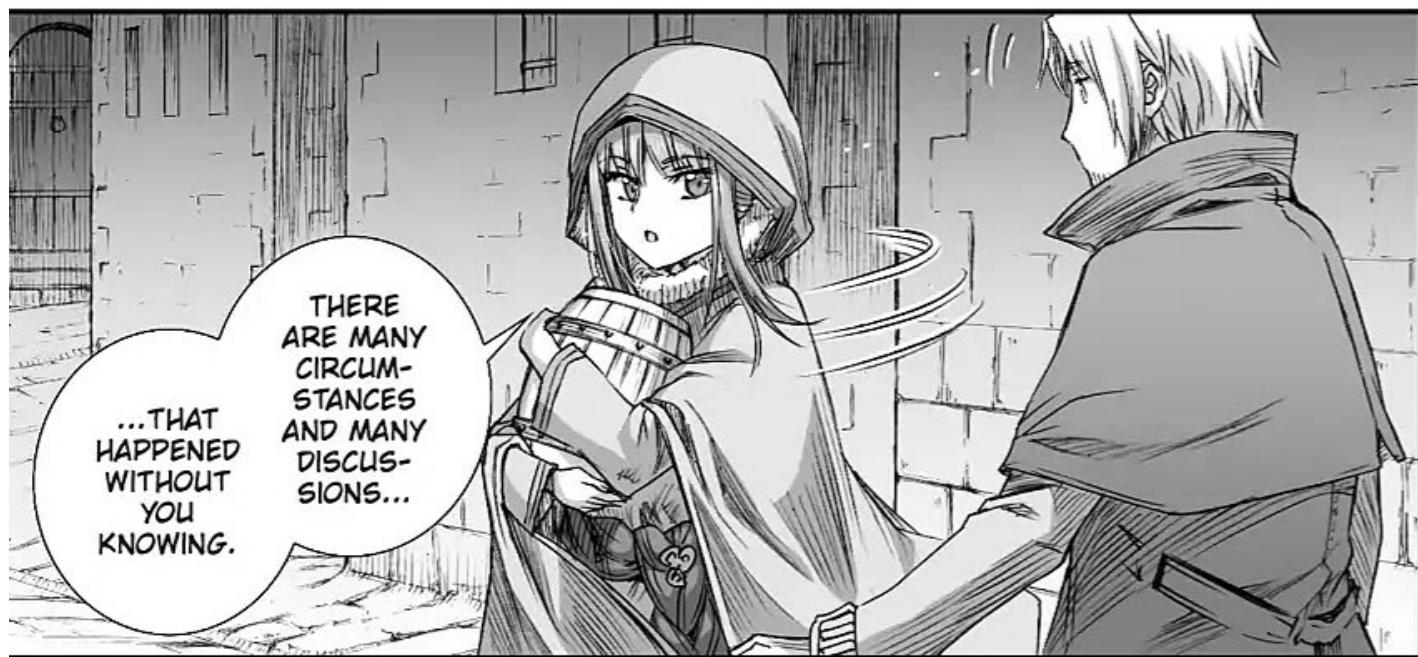


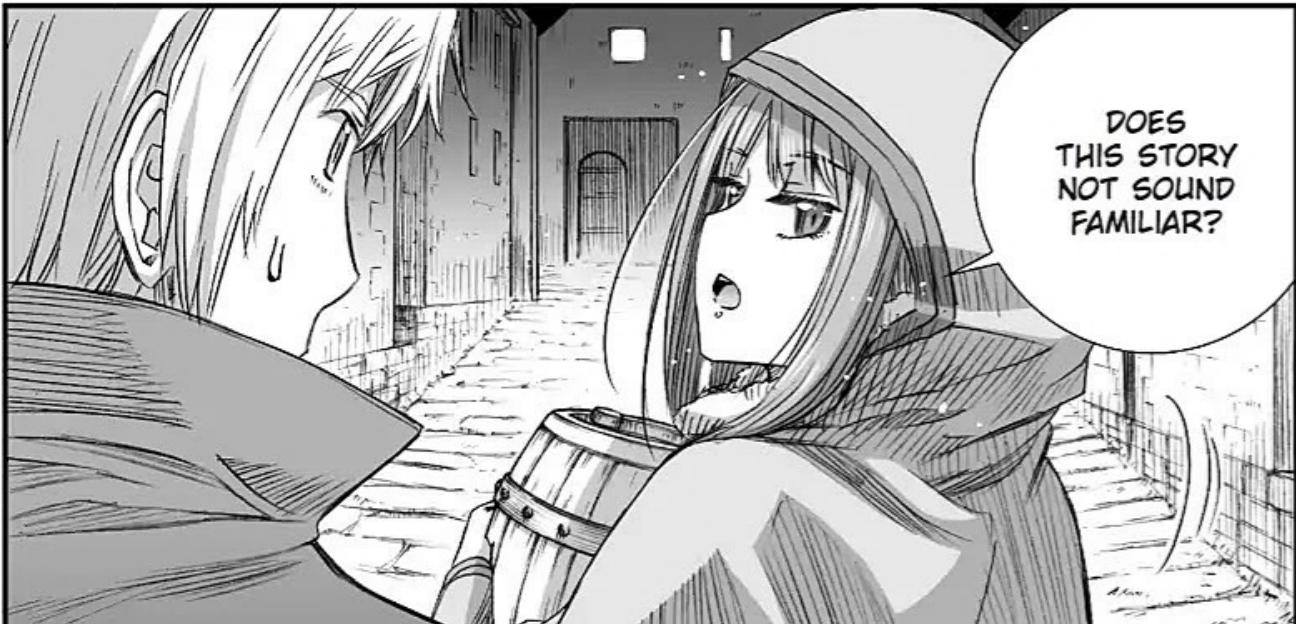
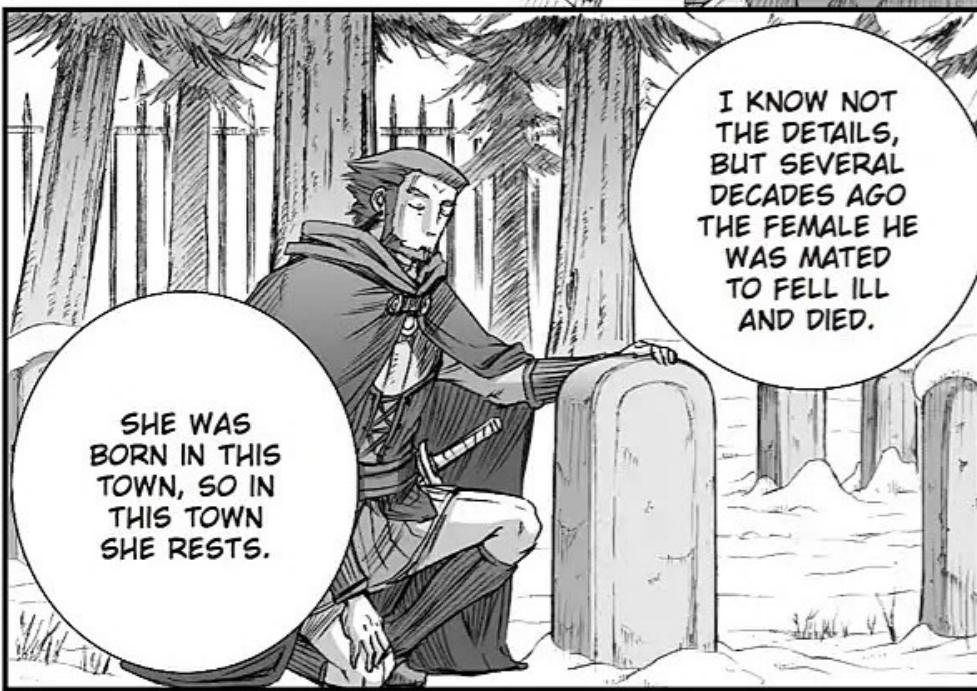


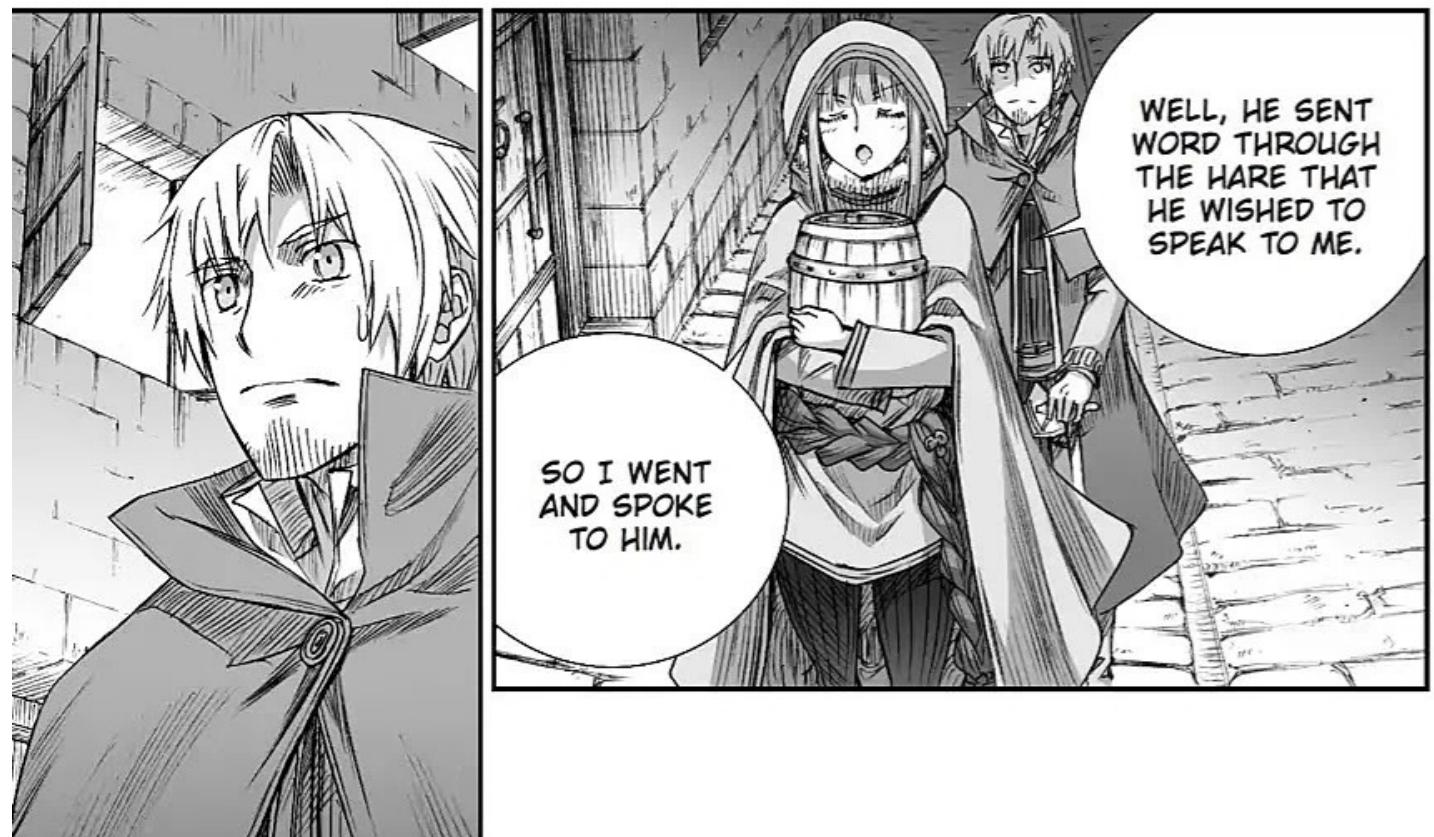


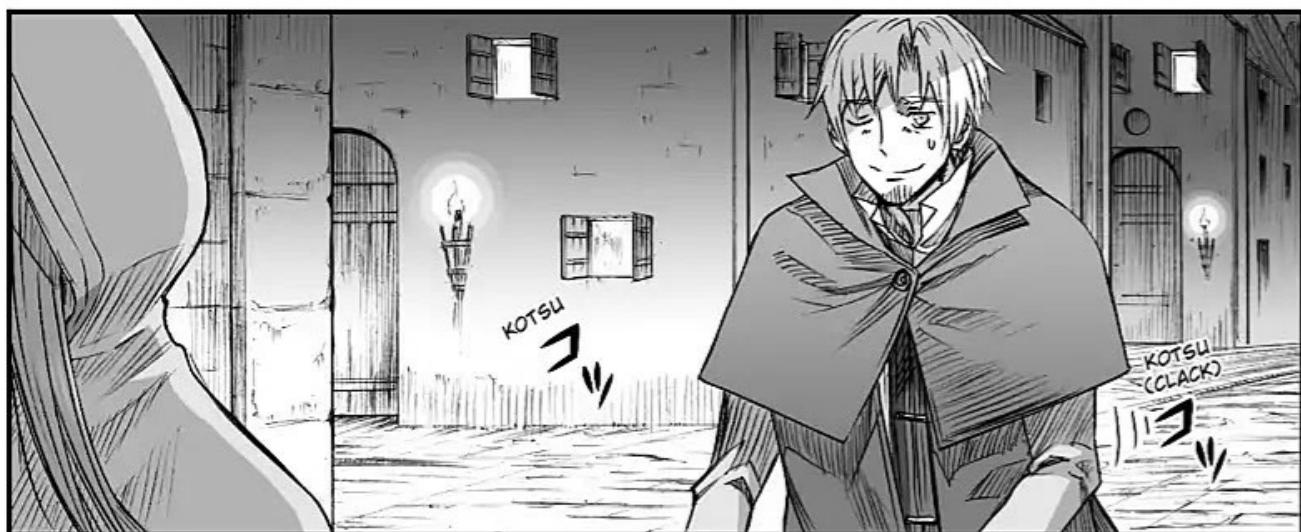


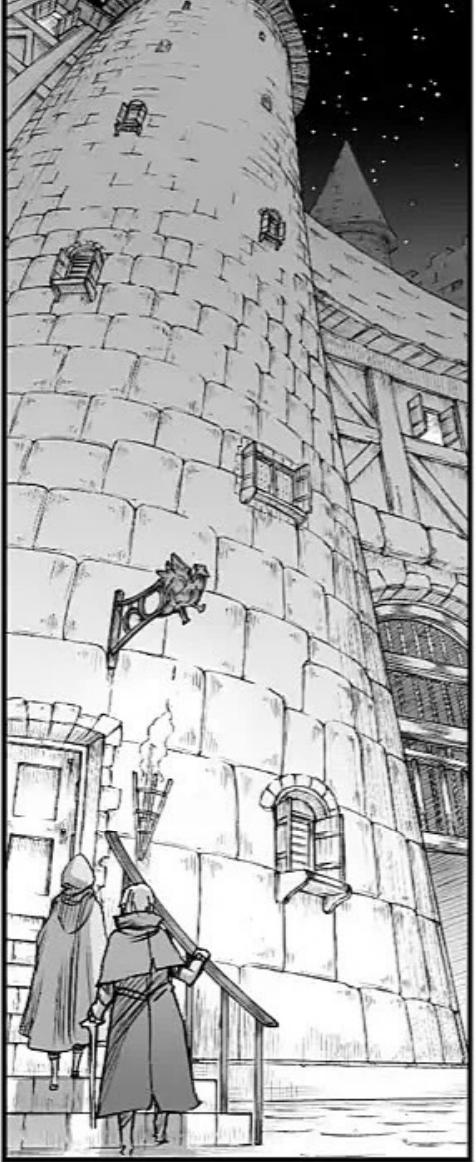




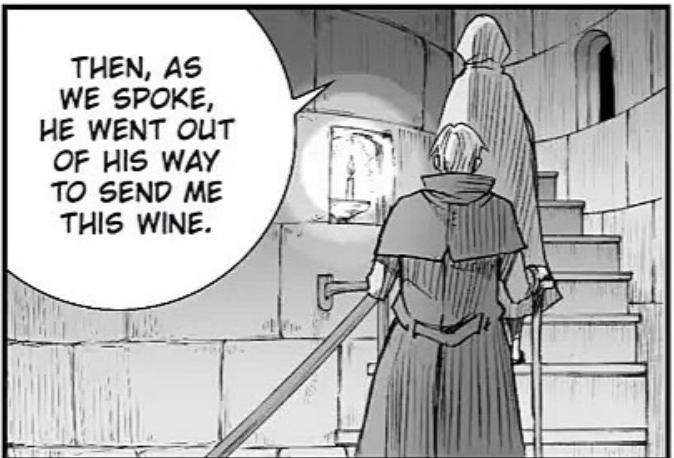
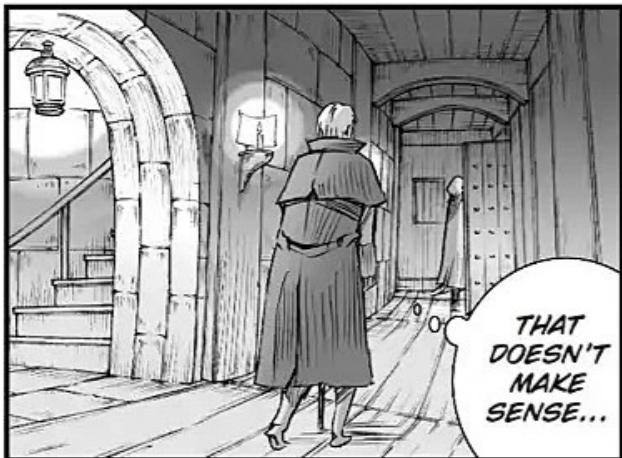








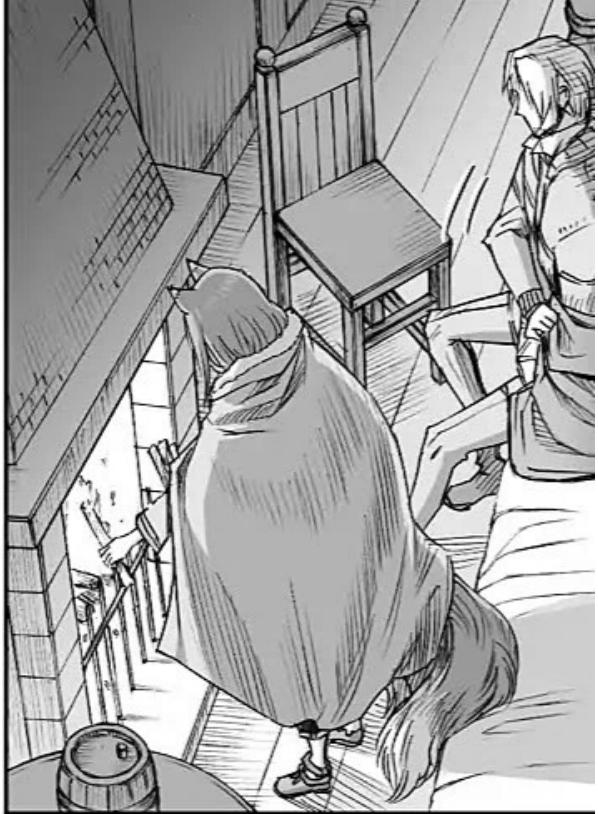
AND YOU END
UP WANDERING
ABOUT AS SOON
AS YOU START
BUILDING A
NEST.



WE ARE
HERE.

BATAN
GSHUD





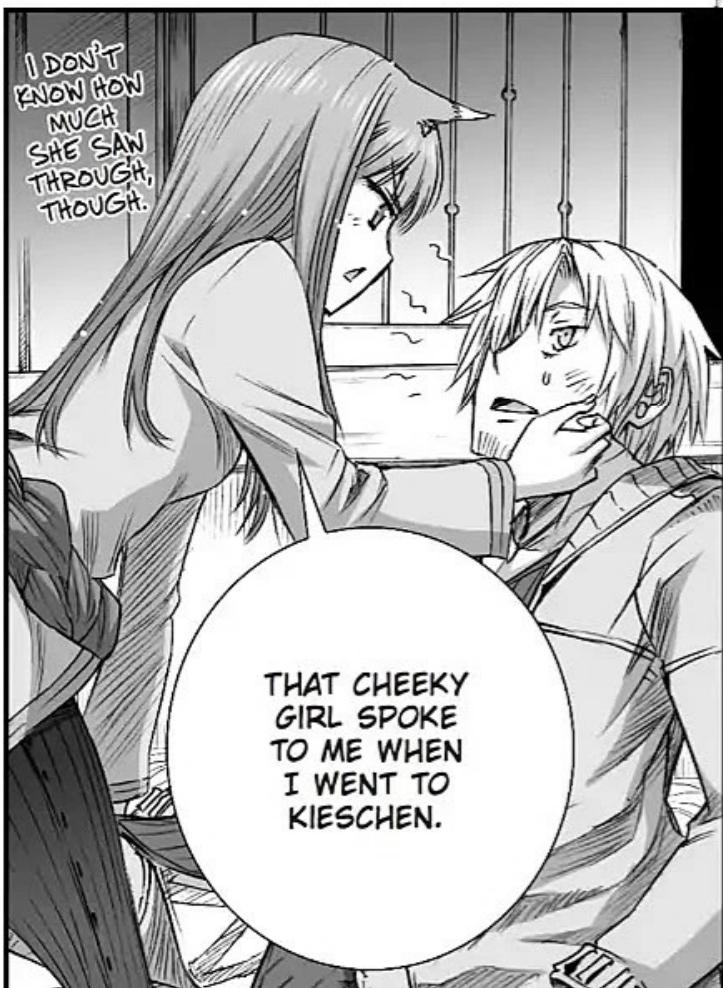




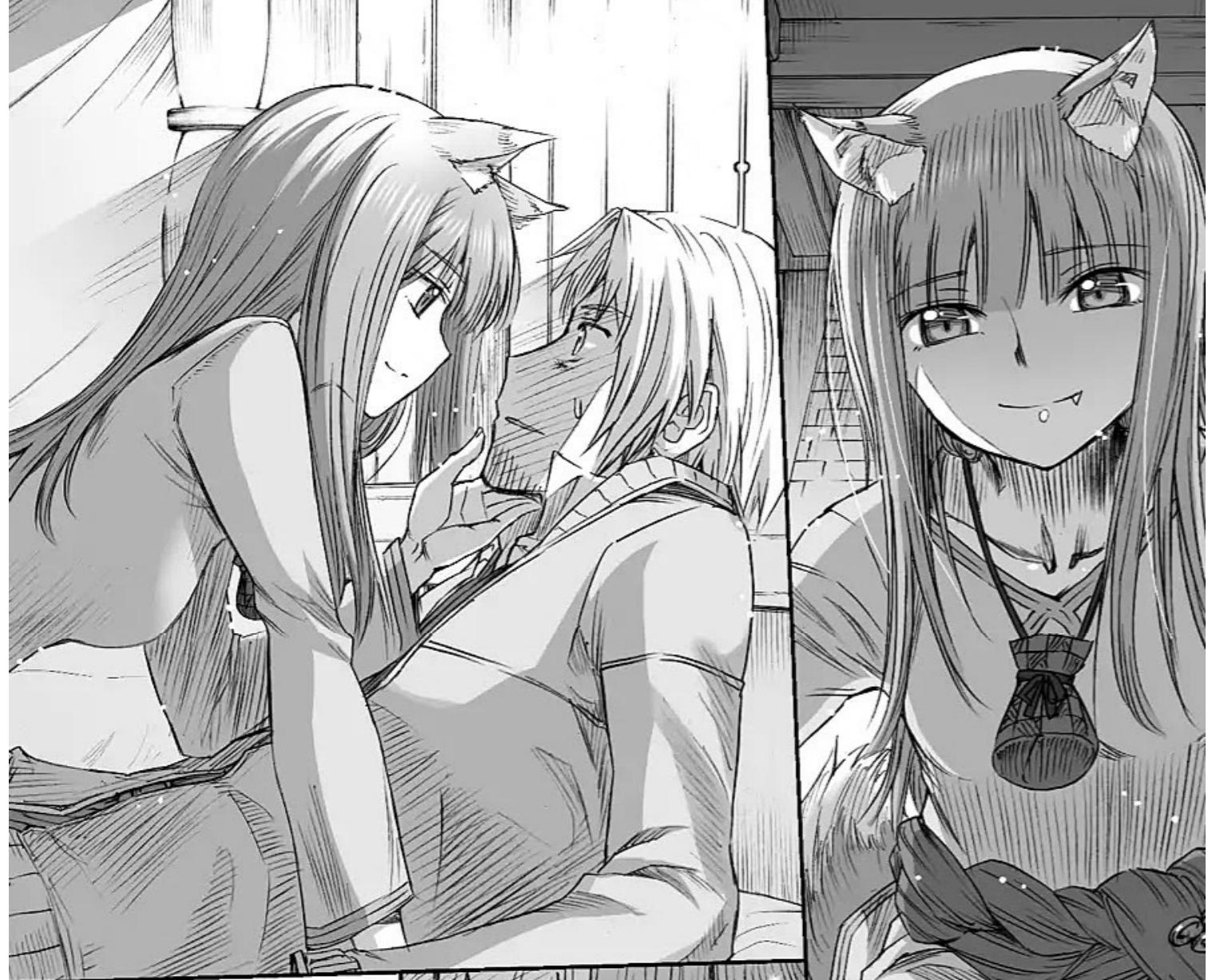


IF YOU DO NOT TAKE THIS TO HEART, YOU MAY TRULY MEET A TERRIBLE FATE SOMEDAY.













BEFORE
FORMING A
NEW VOW,
WE MUST
CARRY OUT
THE OLD.

THE
OLD?

'TIS TRUE
I FORGOT
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT.

O-OH
YEAH...

WERE YOU NOT
TO BRING ME
TO YOITSU?

...AND A
TRAVELING
MERCHANT,
DREAMING OF
OPENING UP
HIS OWN SHOP
AS HE SAT
COUNTING
COINS ATOP HIS
LARGE CART.

THE
WISEWOLF,
SHIVERING
WITH
LONELINESS,
LONGING
FOR HER
HOME...

RIGHT.
WE MET ON
A MOONLIT
NIGHT LIKE
THIS.

MM-HMM.
WE HAVE
POSTPONED
IT FOR TOO
LONG.

I STILL
THINK WE
MAKE A
PRETTY
ODD PAIR.

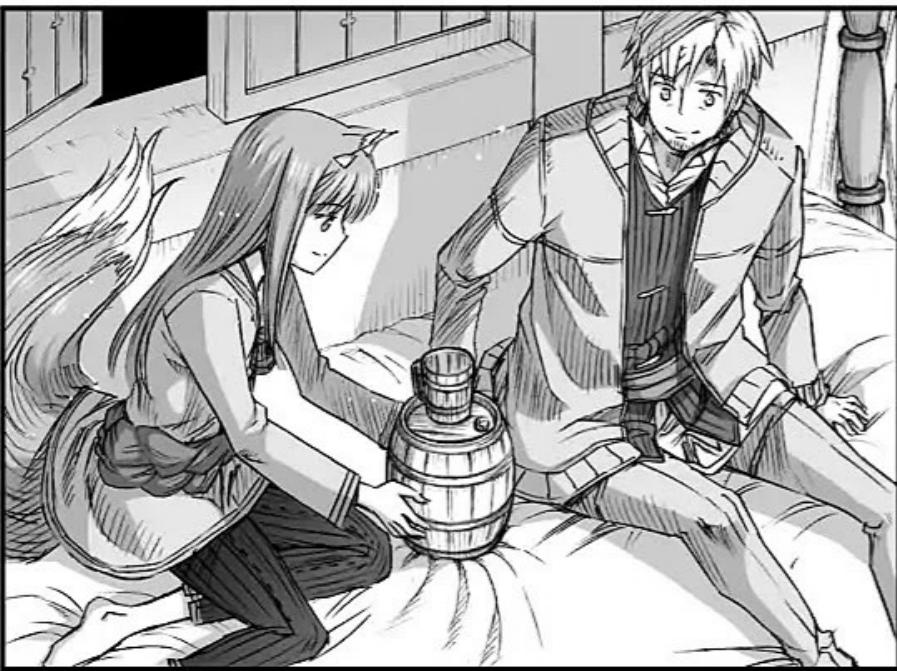
HMM?

VERY
WELL...
BUT—

YOITSU...
YOITSU,
HUH?

HMM...

WE CAN AT
LEAST DRINK
TOGETHER,
CAN'T WE?

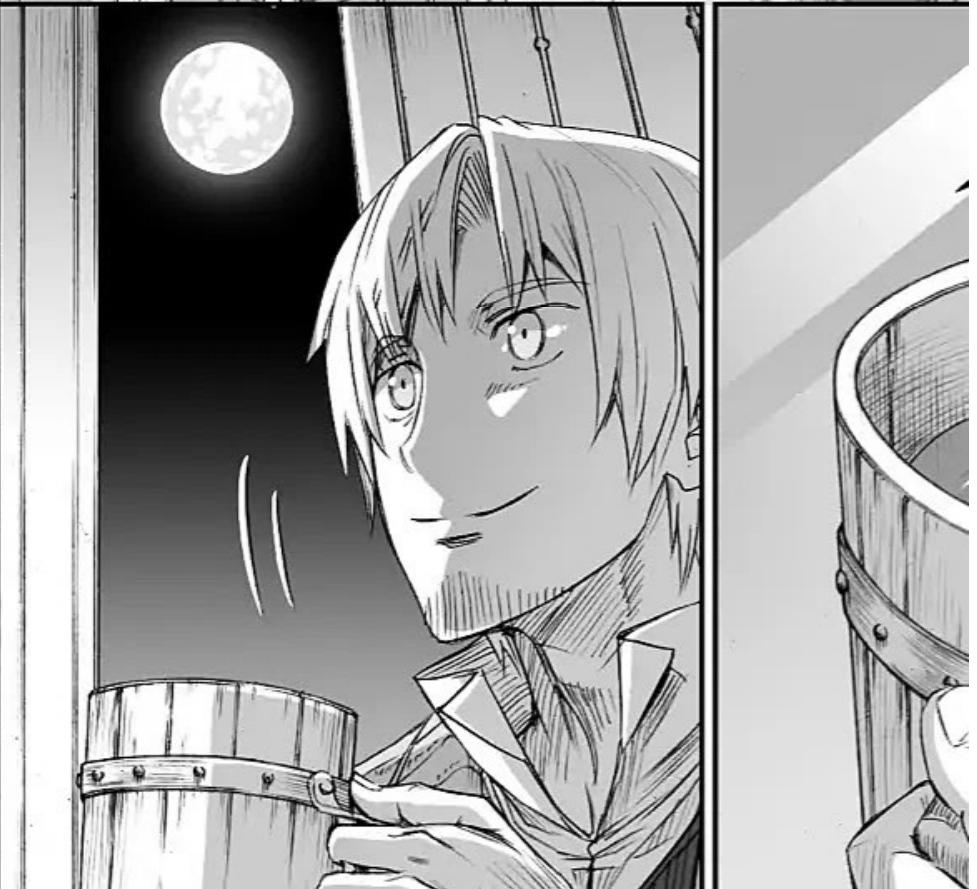


THEY WERE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, HAMMERING OUT A COIN WITH THE FACE OF THE SUN. THE SUN THAT SHONE ON ALL WHO ENDURED THE LONG, HARSH WINTERS OF THE NORTHLANDS.

YOU FOOL.

THEY'VE LIT THE FURNACE.

CHAPU (PLOP)



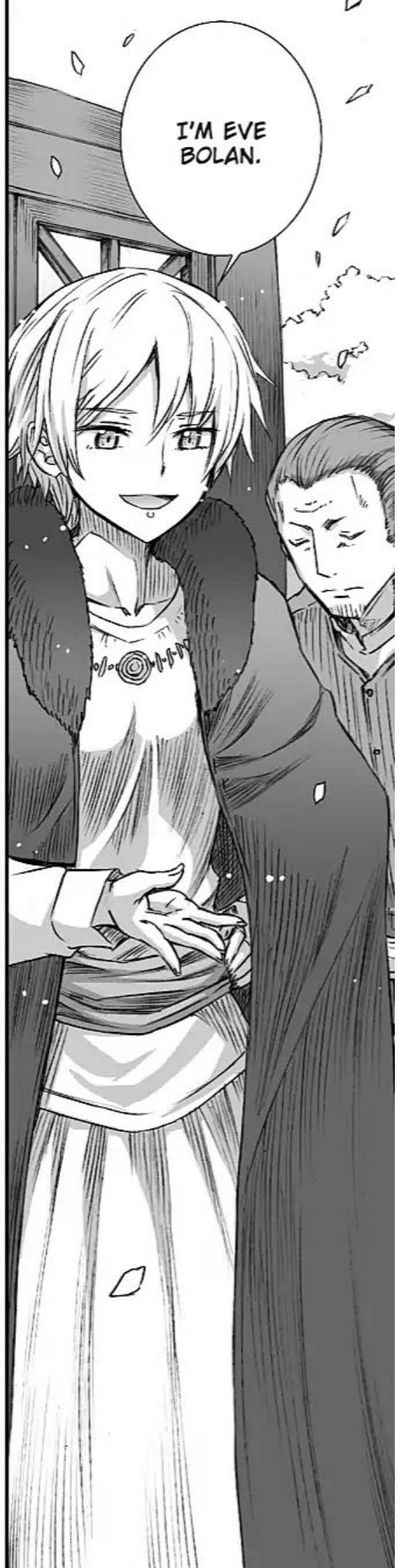


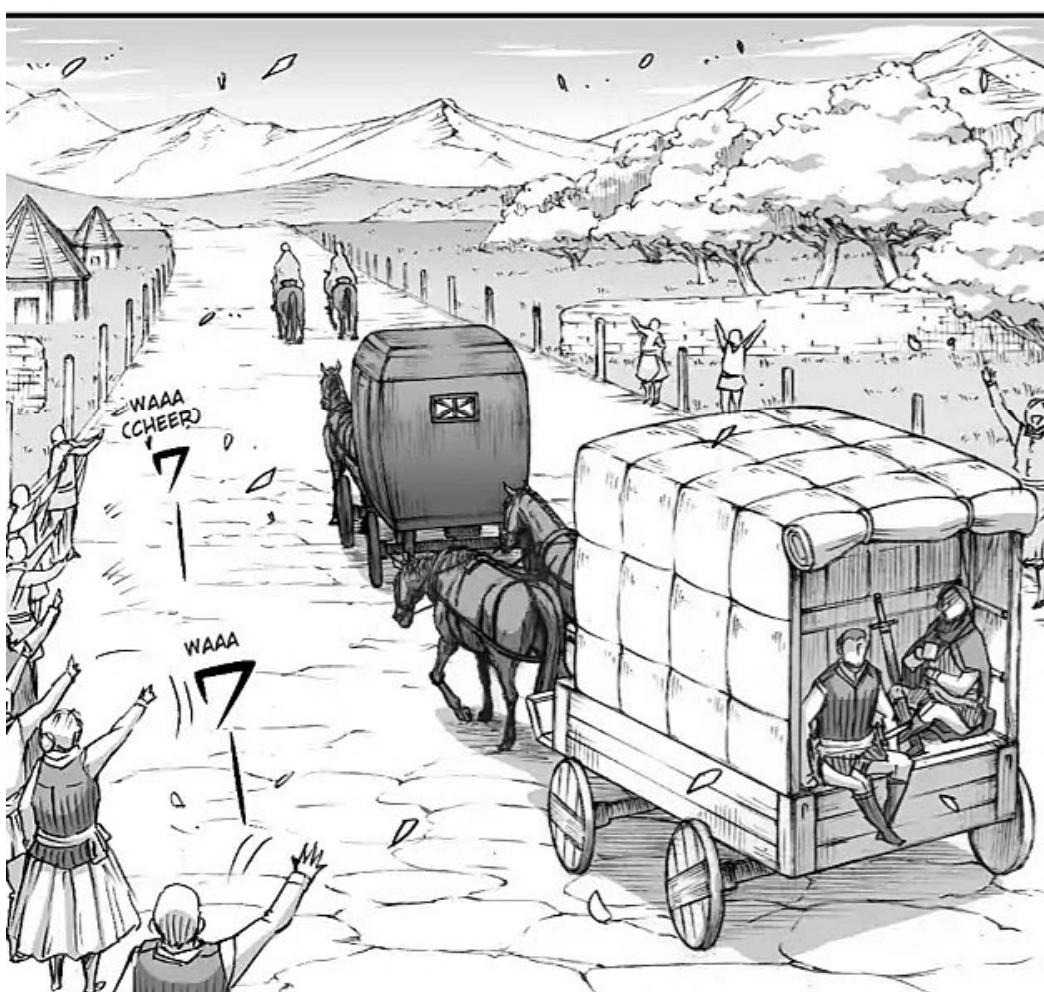


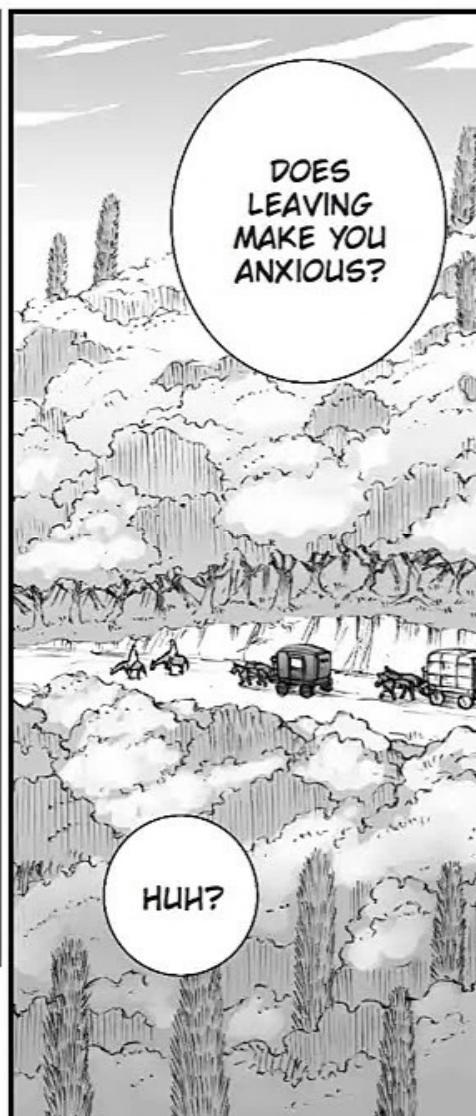
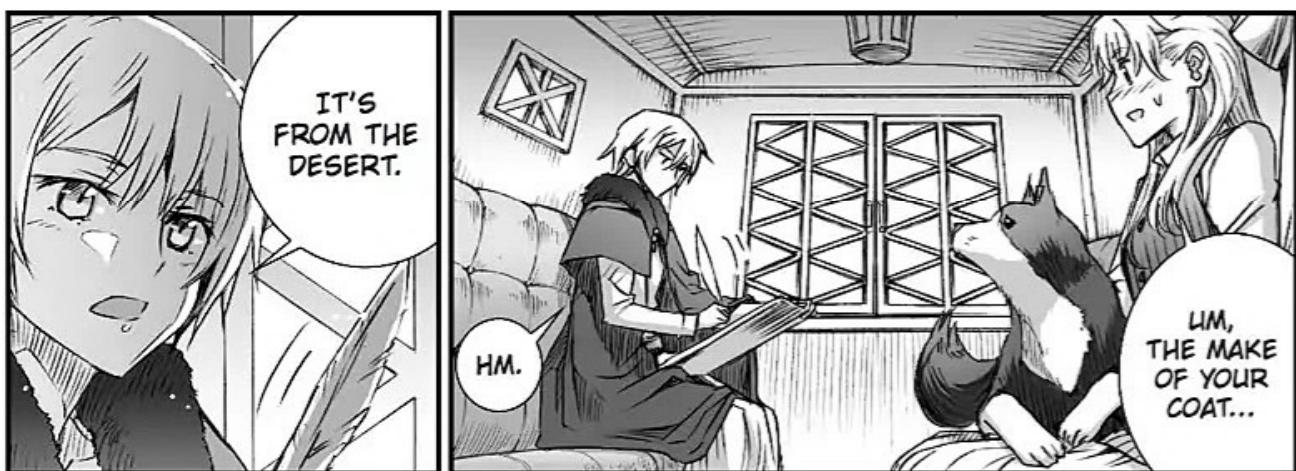
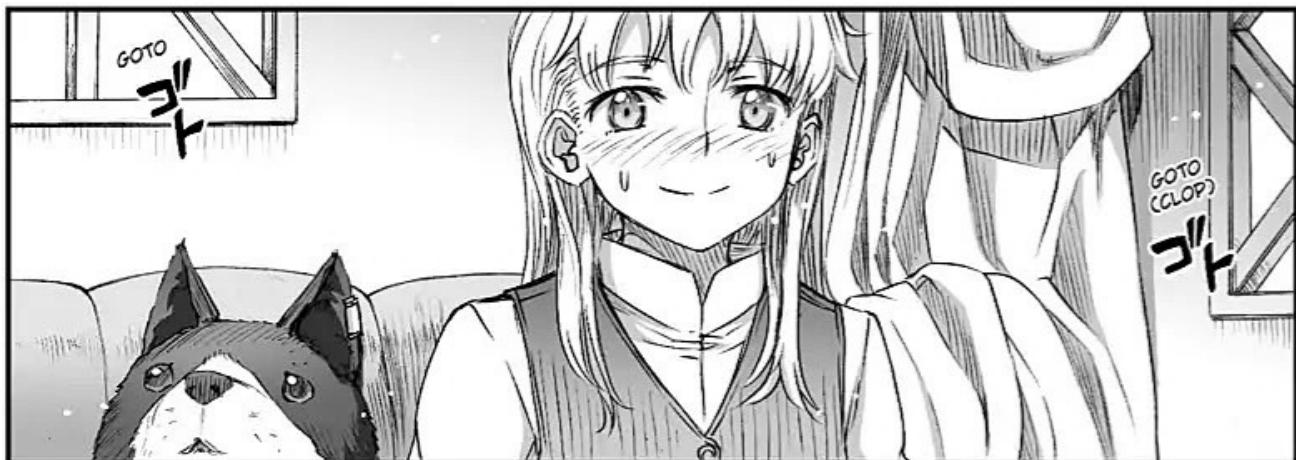


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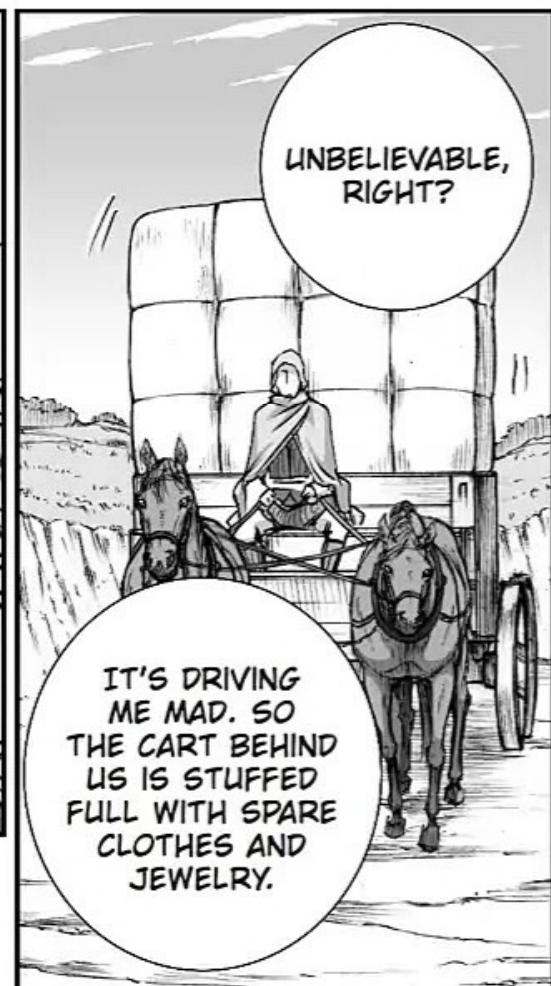










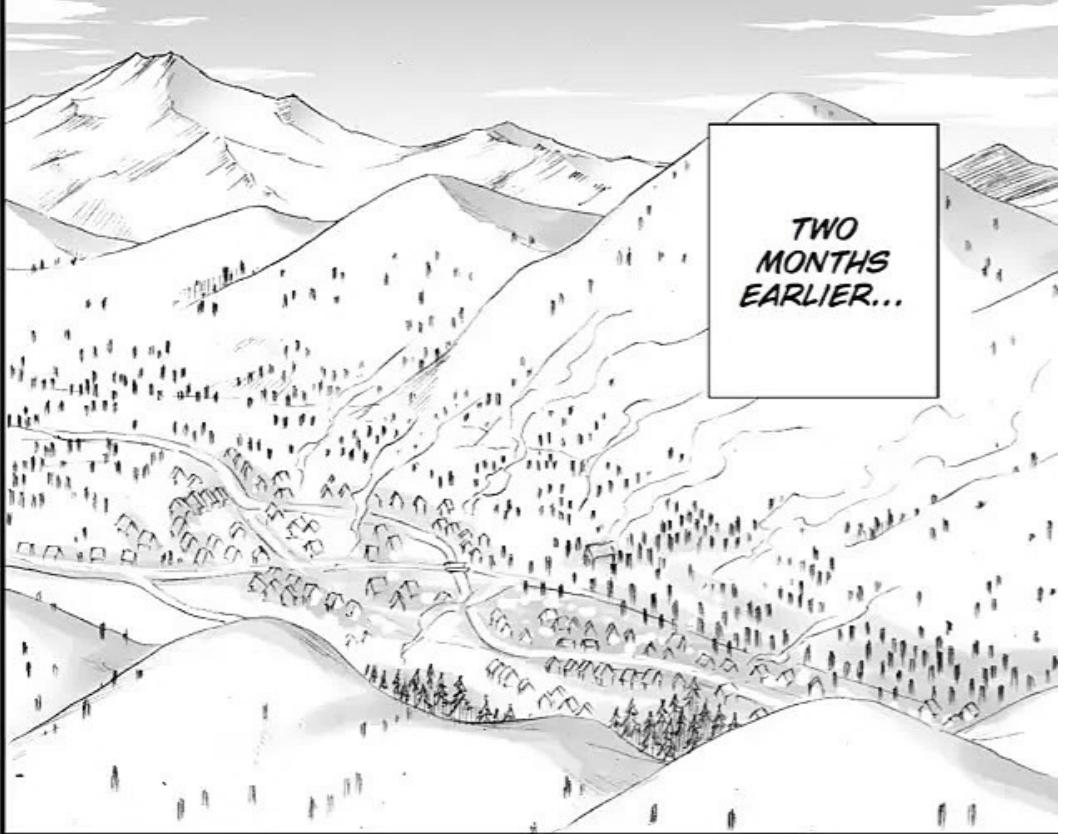


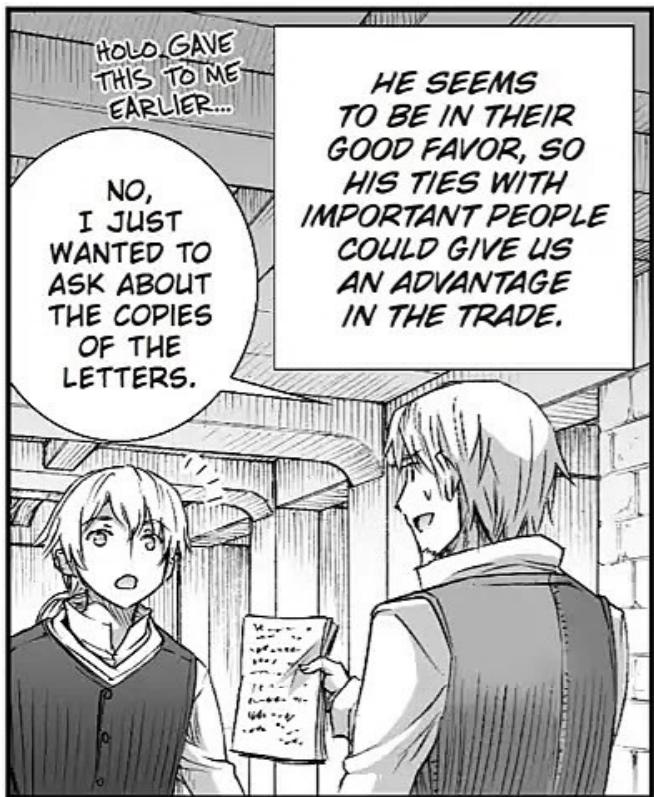


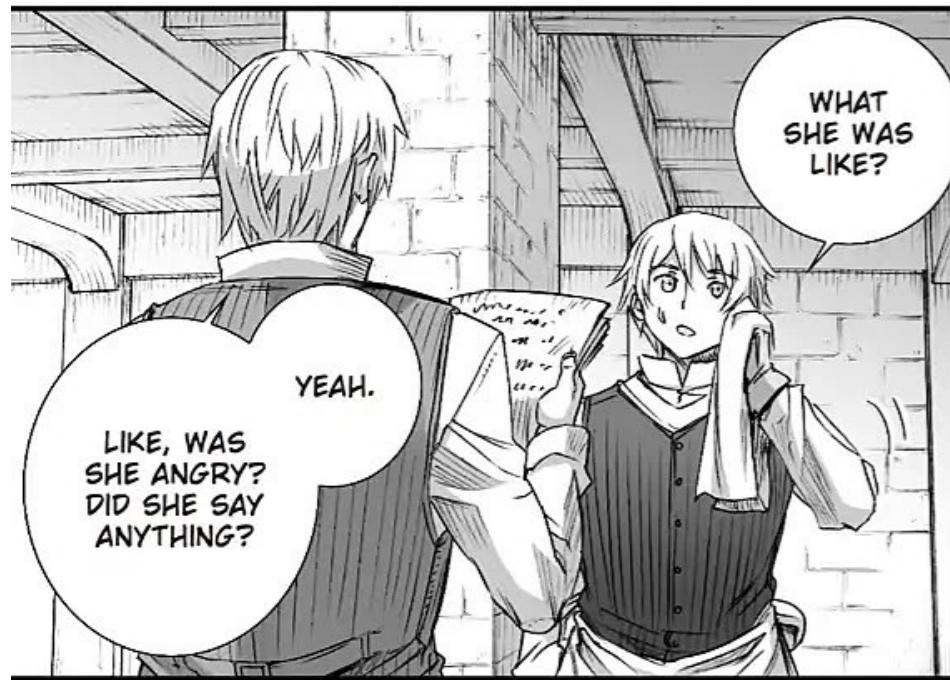
A SHEEP
SHOULDN'T
ALWAYS
INDULGE
HERSELF.

HEH
HEH
HEH...

ニヤ
(GRIN)













OH? BUT IF
THEY WERE NOT,
I WOULD NOT
GIVE YOU THE
TIME OF DAY.

THIS
DRINK COULD
PERHAPS
STAND TO BE
SWEETER.

GOKU
(GULP)

GOKU

ARE
THEY NO
GOOD?

WOODEN
CUPS ARE
CONVENIENT,
BUT THEY
LOOK CHEAP.

I
SWEAR...

WE
SHOULD DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THESE
CUPS.

DO YOU
SUPPOSE THE
GUESTS YOU WISH
TO ATTRACT WOULD
BE THE CHEAP
SORT, TO ONLY
WORRY ABOUT
SUPERFICIAL
THINGS?

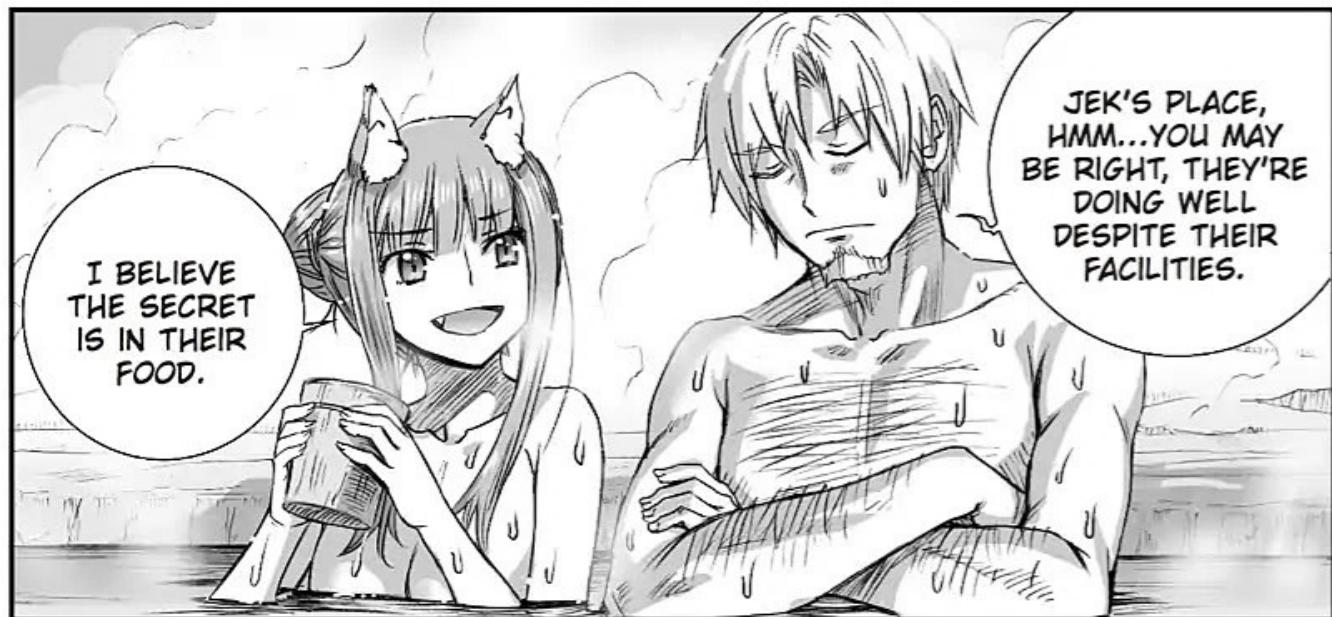
HEH.

THE BEST
WOULD BE
SILVERWARE...
WELL, I
GUESS BRASS
IS FINE
TOO...

BUTSU
(MUTTER)

BUTSU

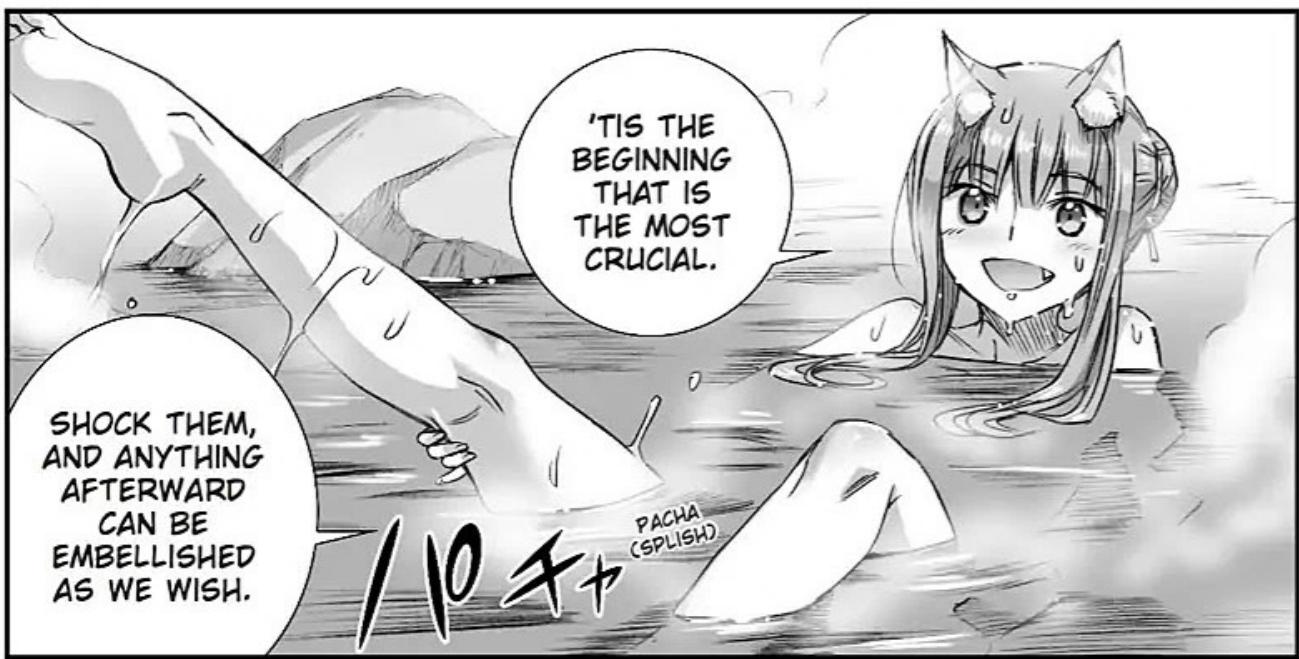




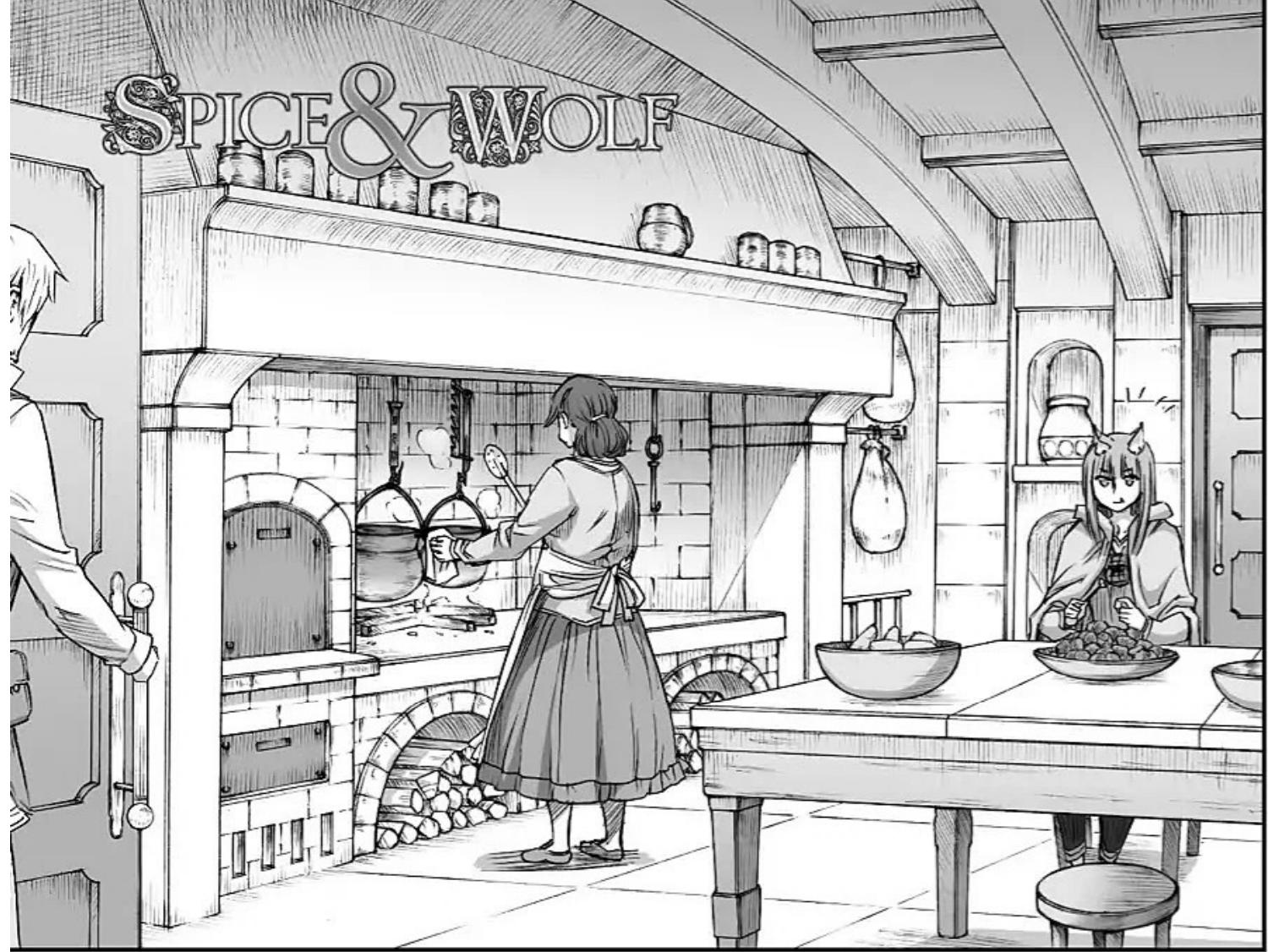
...FOR
THAT SAINT-
WHATSITS
FESTIVAL
BANQUET,
SHALL WE
NOT?

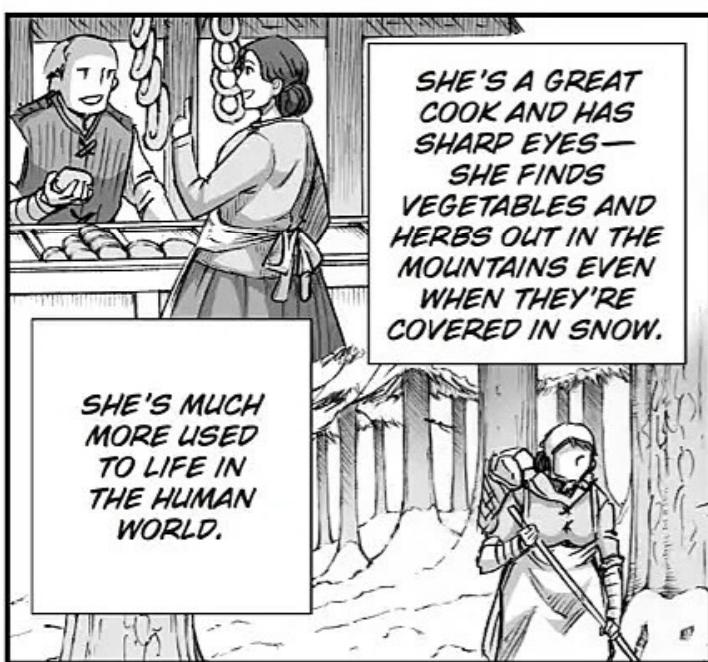
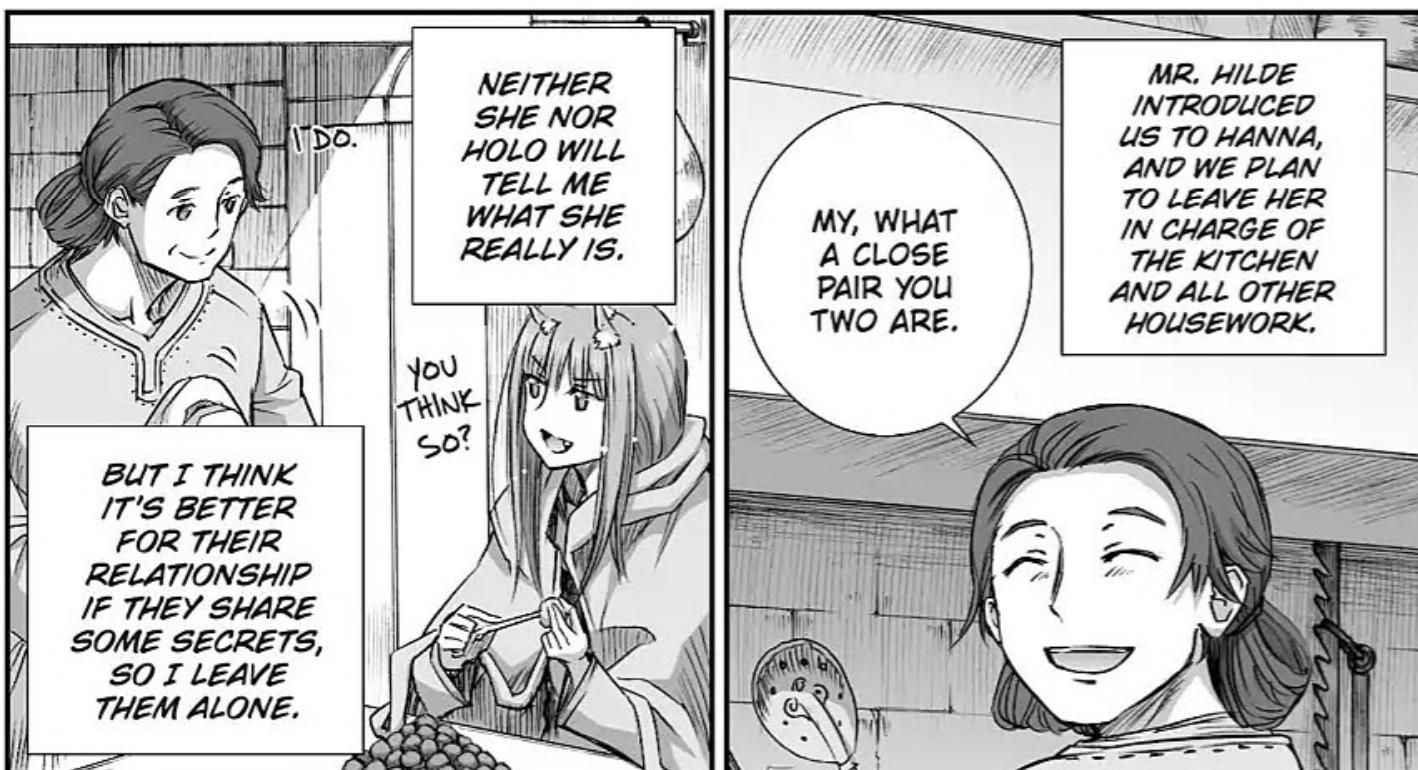
...WE SHOULD
PREPARE A
SPECTACULAR
FEAST...

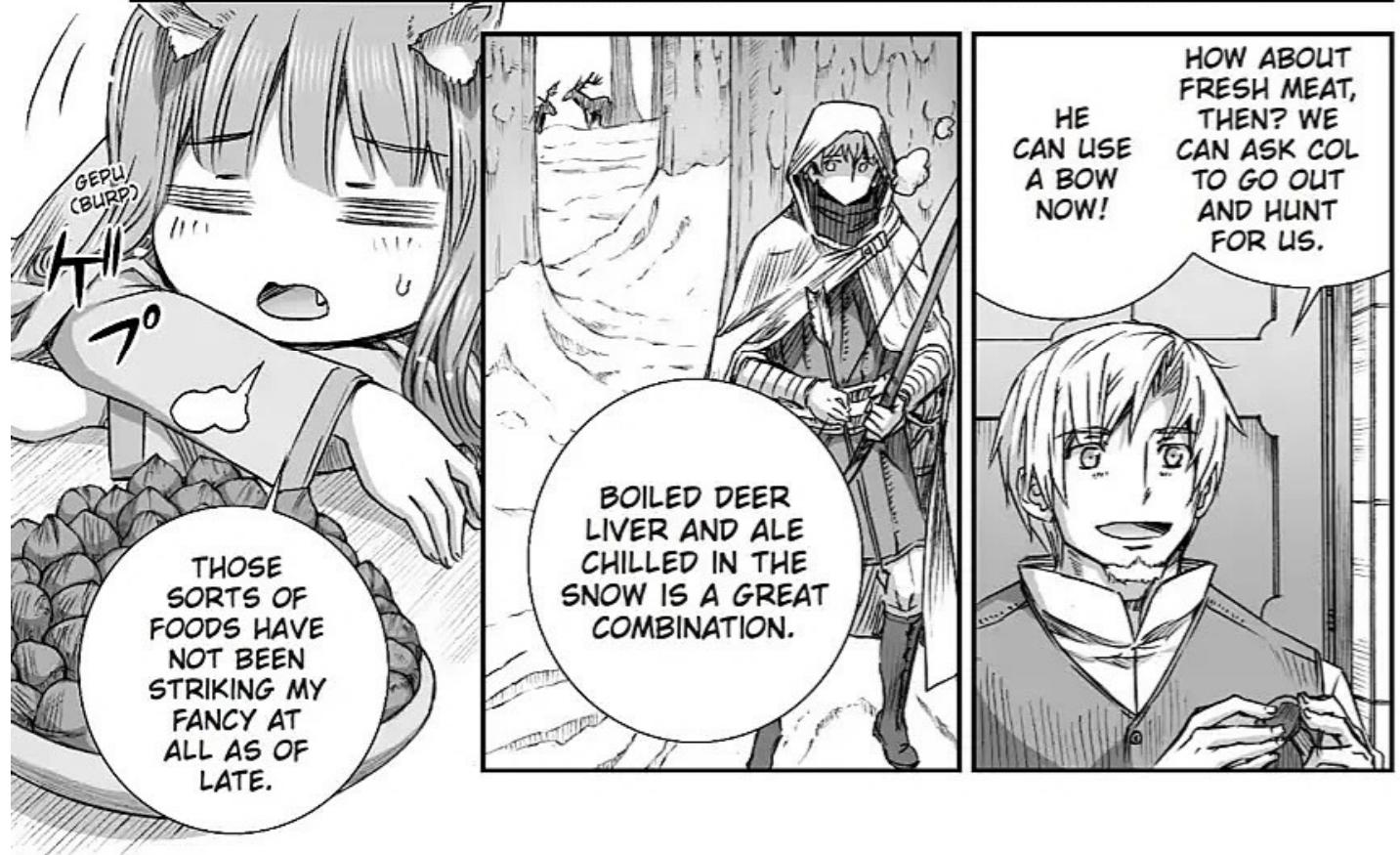








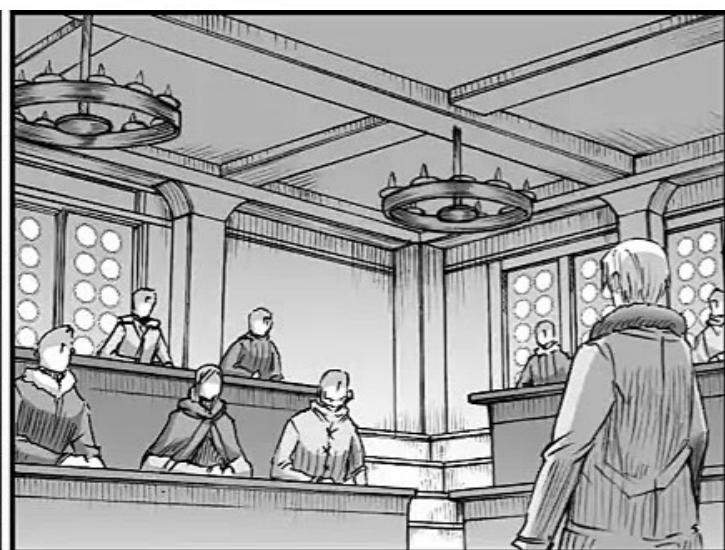




IN THE END,
THE DAYS
PASSED,
AND I NEVER
LEARNED WHAT
HOLO'S TRUE
INTENTIONS
WERE.



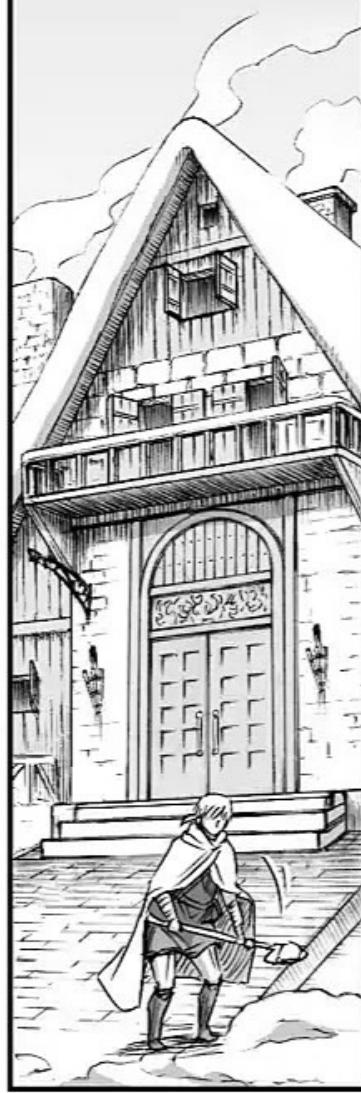
"I SHALL LEAVE
THE MALES TO YOU,"
SHE SAID TO ME,
SO I WROTE
INVITES TO ALL OUR
CLOSE FRIENDS,
LEAVING OUT THOSE
WE WOULD INVITE TO
THE ACTUAL OPENING.



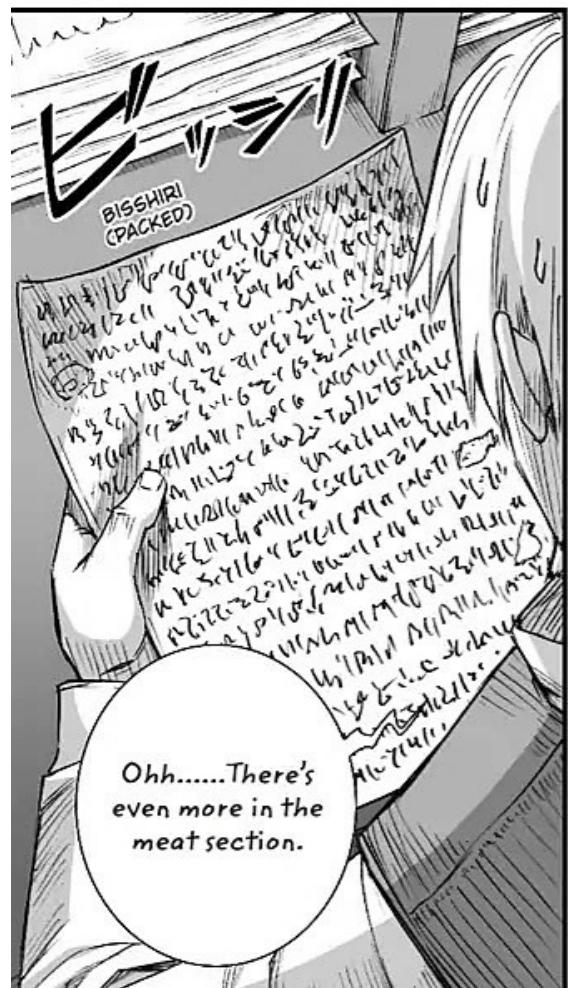
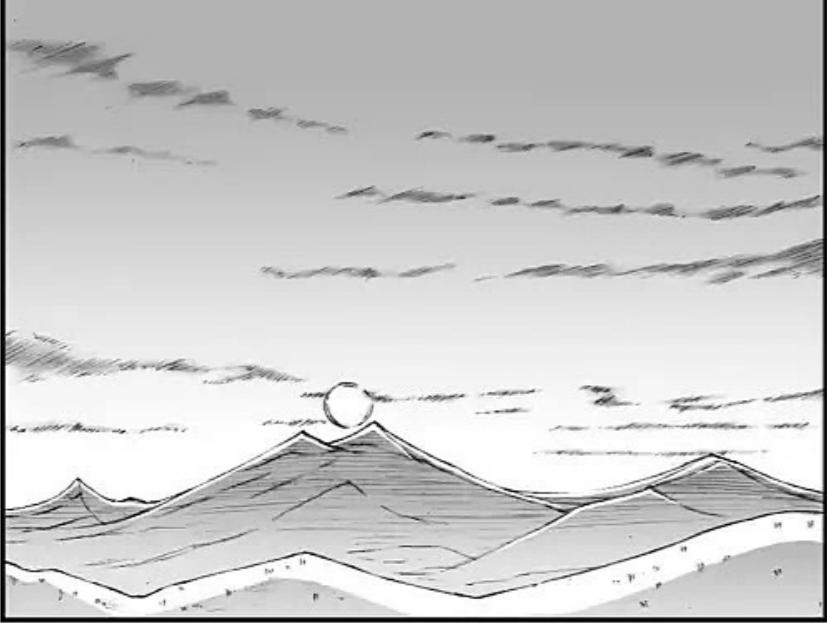
THINKING
ABOUT OUR
FUTURE
BUSINESS,
WE SHOULD
GO AS
EXTRAVAGANT
AS POSSIBLE,
LIKE HOLO
SAID.

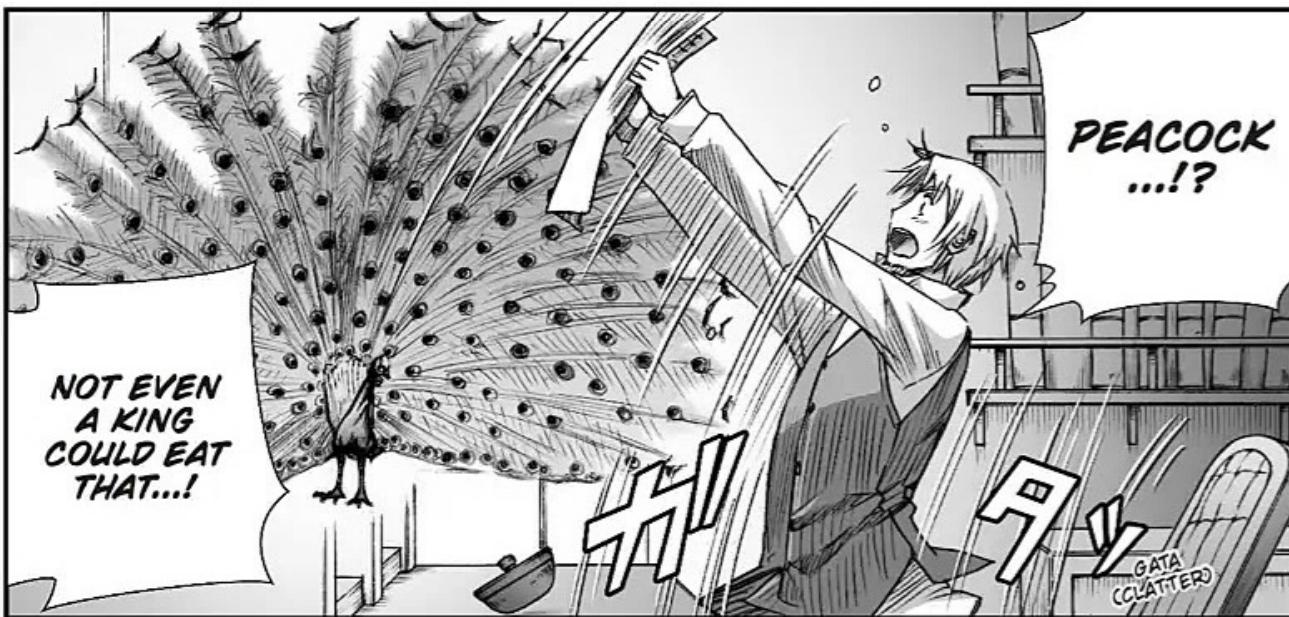
NEXT,
PREPARING
FOR THE
FEAST...WE
HAVE ENOUGH
AVAILABLE
FUNDS FOR
THAT.











ORANGES
AND LEMONS...
I HEARD YOU
FIND THOSE IN
AREAS NEAR
THE DESERT.

EVEN
I'VE NEVER
SEEN ONE...

MMM...

NEXT,
FRUIT.

THIS IS
MUCH EASIER,
SINCE WE CAN
BLAME THE
SEASONS IF
WE CAN'T GET
OUR HANDS
ON THEM.

SHELLISH,
CHESTNUTS...

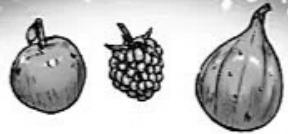
THEN...
WELL, IT JUST
LOOKS LIKE SHE
WROTE DOWN
SOME THINGS
JUST IN CASE.

I'LL GO
SEE WHAT
MISS HANNA
THINKS.

GACHA
CLACK

FIGS,
RASPBERRIES,
LINGONBERRIES,
CURRANTS,
PEACHES, PEARS,
APPLES...

...WE
HAVE SOME
OF THOSE
DRIED
ALREADY.

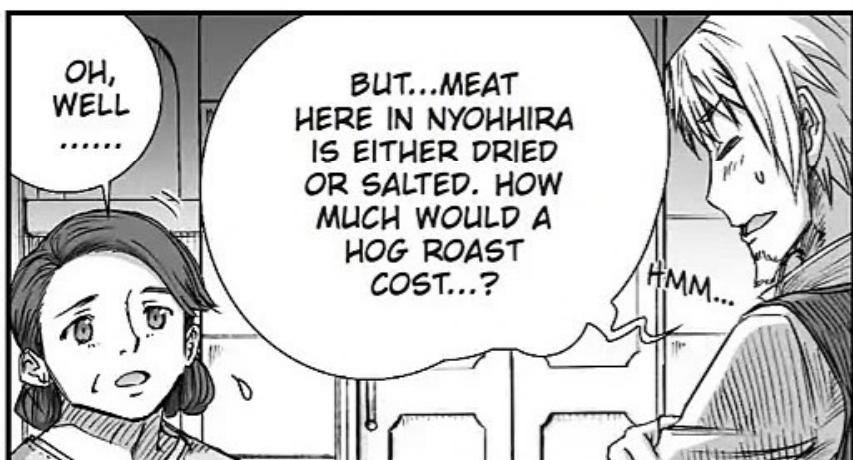


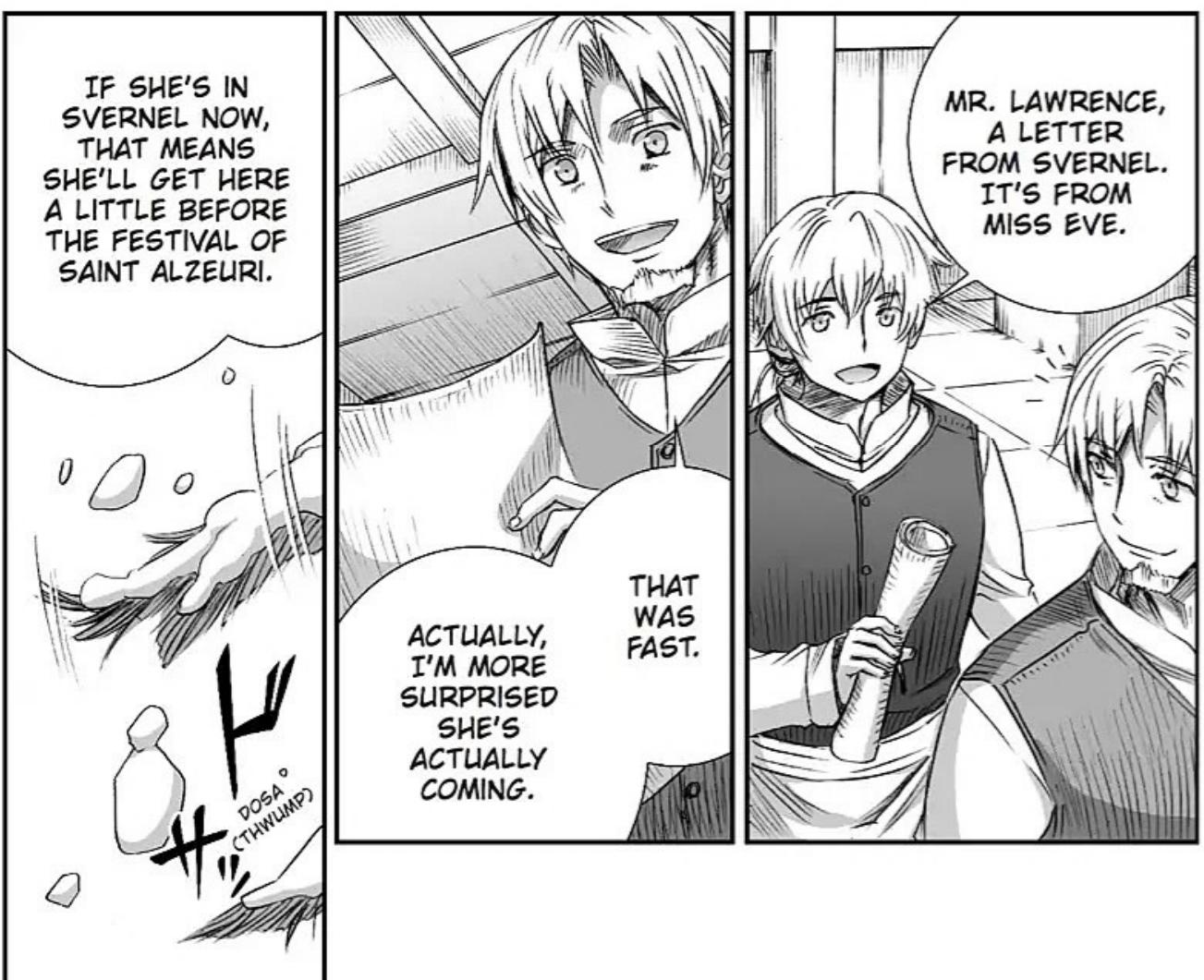
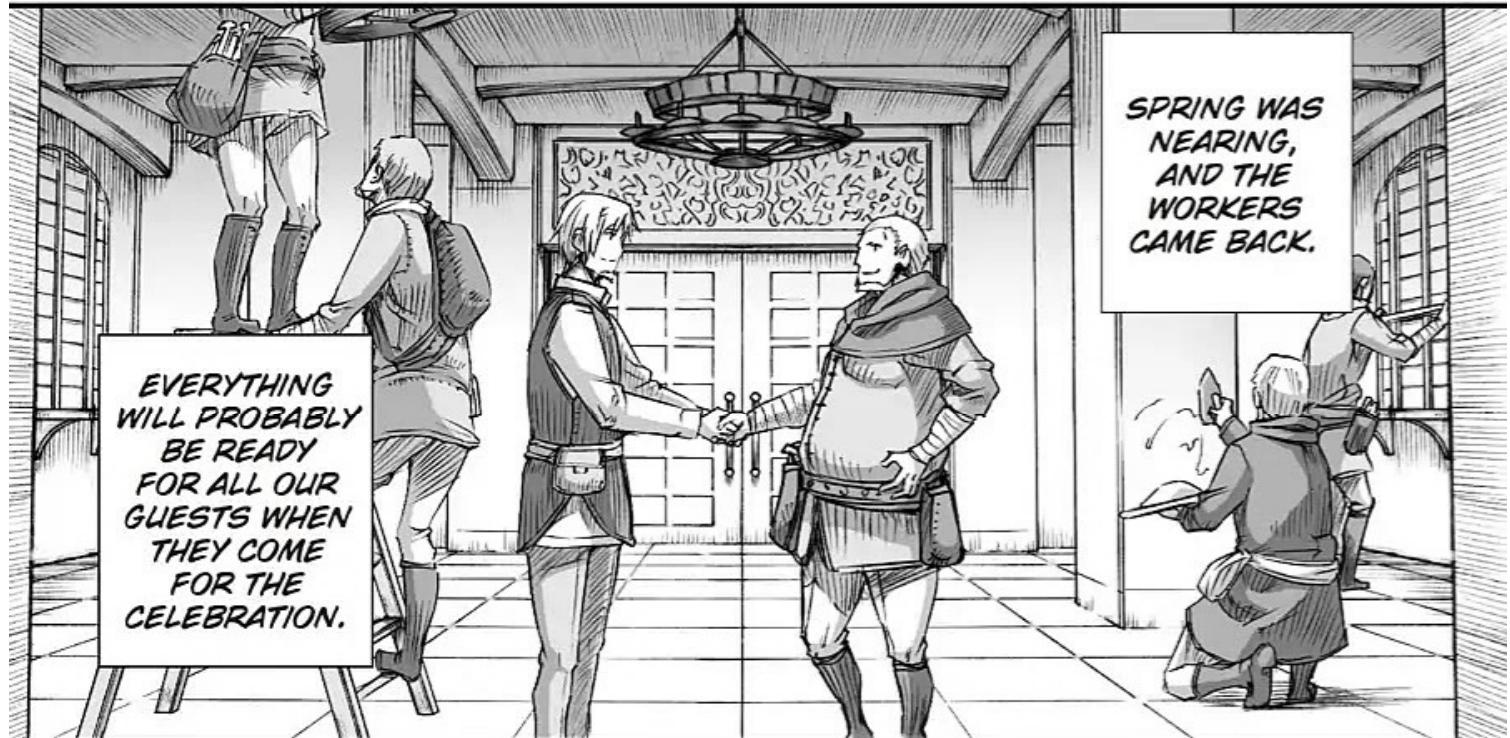
WHAT DO
YOU THINK?
IS THERE
ANYTHING THAT
DOESN'T SEEM
POSSIBLE?

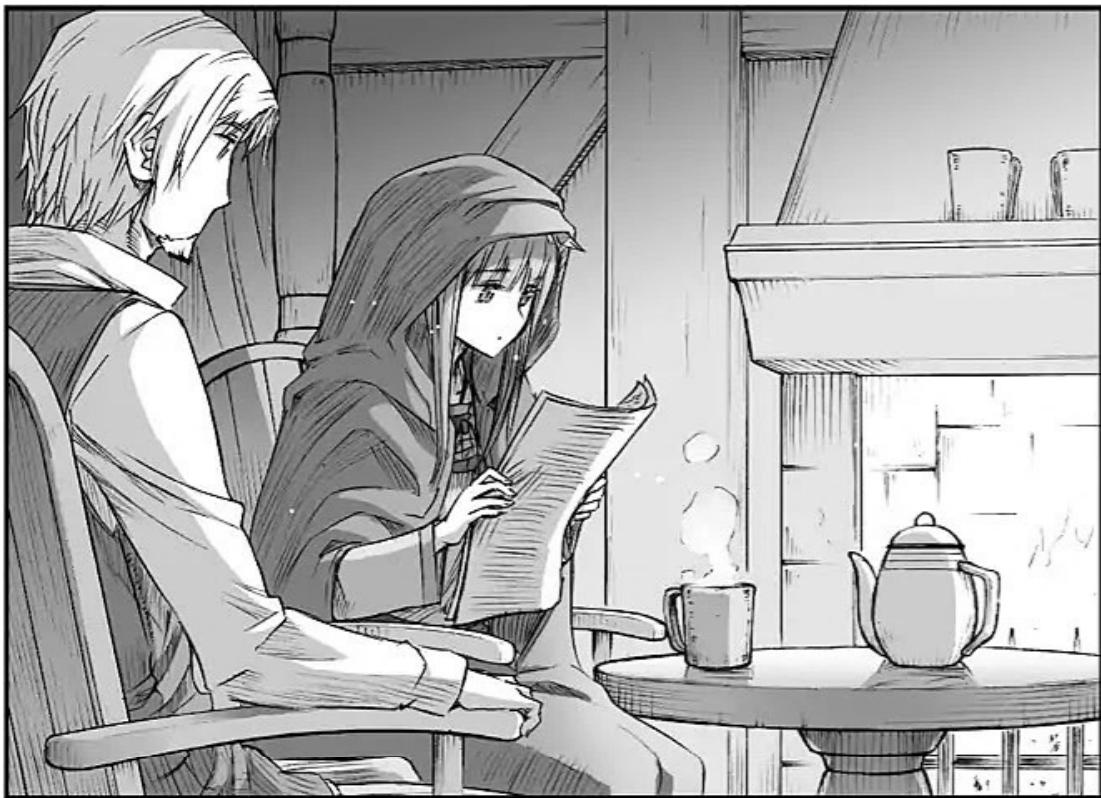
THIS AND
THIS GO WELL
TOGETHER,
AND I CAN ADD
DRIED FRUIT
AS A HIDDEN
INGREDIENT
IF I MAKE IT
INTO A PIE.

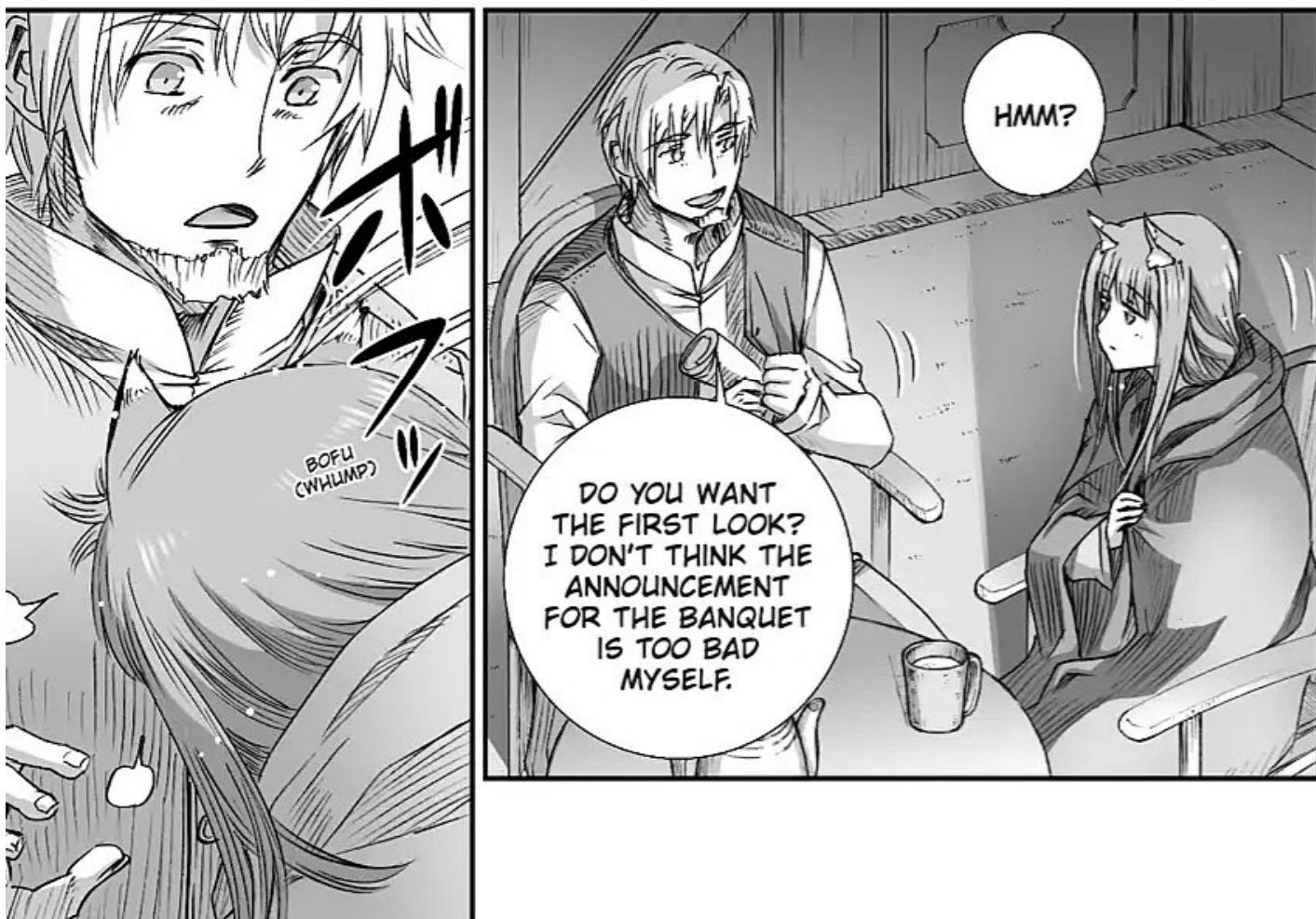
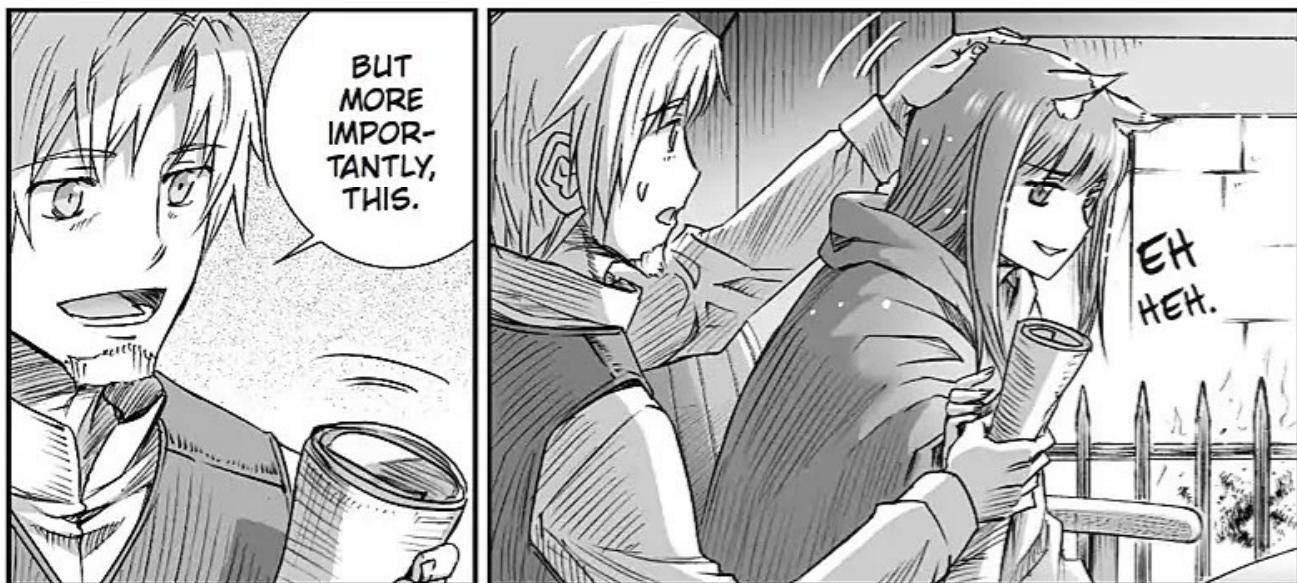
THE MEAT
ALL SEEMS
FINE.













YOUR
WOLF NAME
WILL CRY,
YOU KNOW.

IF IT DOES,
YOU SHALL
SOOTHE
IT, YES?



ONCE SPRING CAME AROUND, THE ANNEX SAFELY REACHED COMPLETION...

...AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE FEAST, FULLY USING ALL THE INGREDIENTS HOLO CHOSE, WERE DONE AS WELL. ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS TO WAIT FOR OUR GUESTS TO ARRIVE.



IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

DON'T LET ME FALL APART NOW!

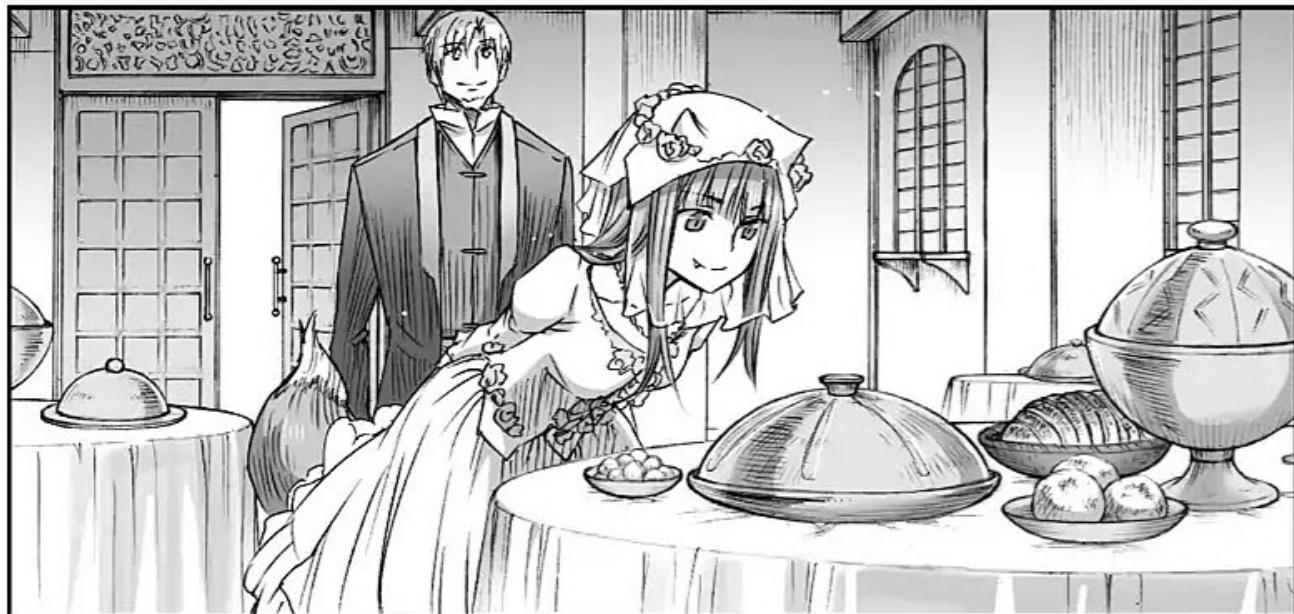
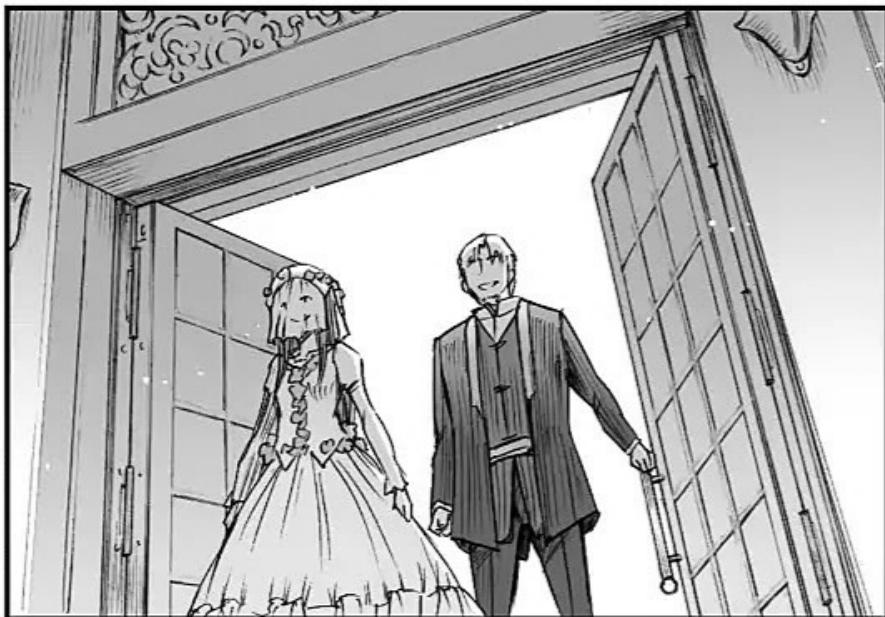
HEH HEH!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I MADE IT THIS FAR.

ARE YOU CRYING?



THIS IS
YOUR SHOP.
THE ONE YOU
TRIED AND FAILED
TO OBTAIN SO
MANY TIMES.



BUT FIRST,
WE NEED TO
MAKE IT A
SHOP YOU
WOULDN'T
LAUGH AT.









I SHALL
NOT LOSE
TO A BOY
LIKE HIM!

YOU ARE
QUITE RELIANT
ON HIM.

JEALOUS?

GA
(SLAM)

PUNI
(SQUISH)

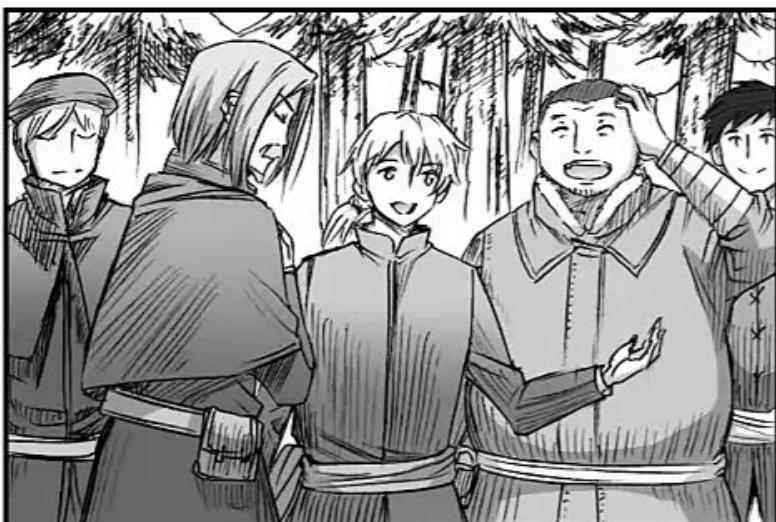
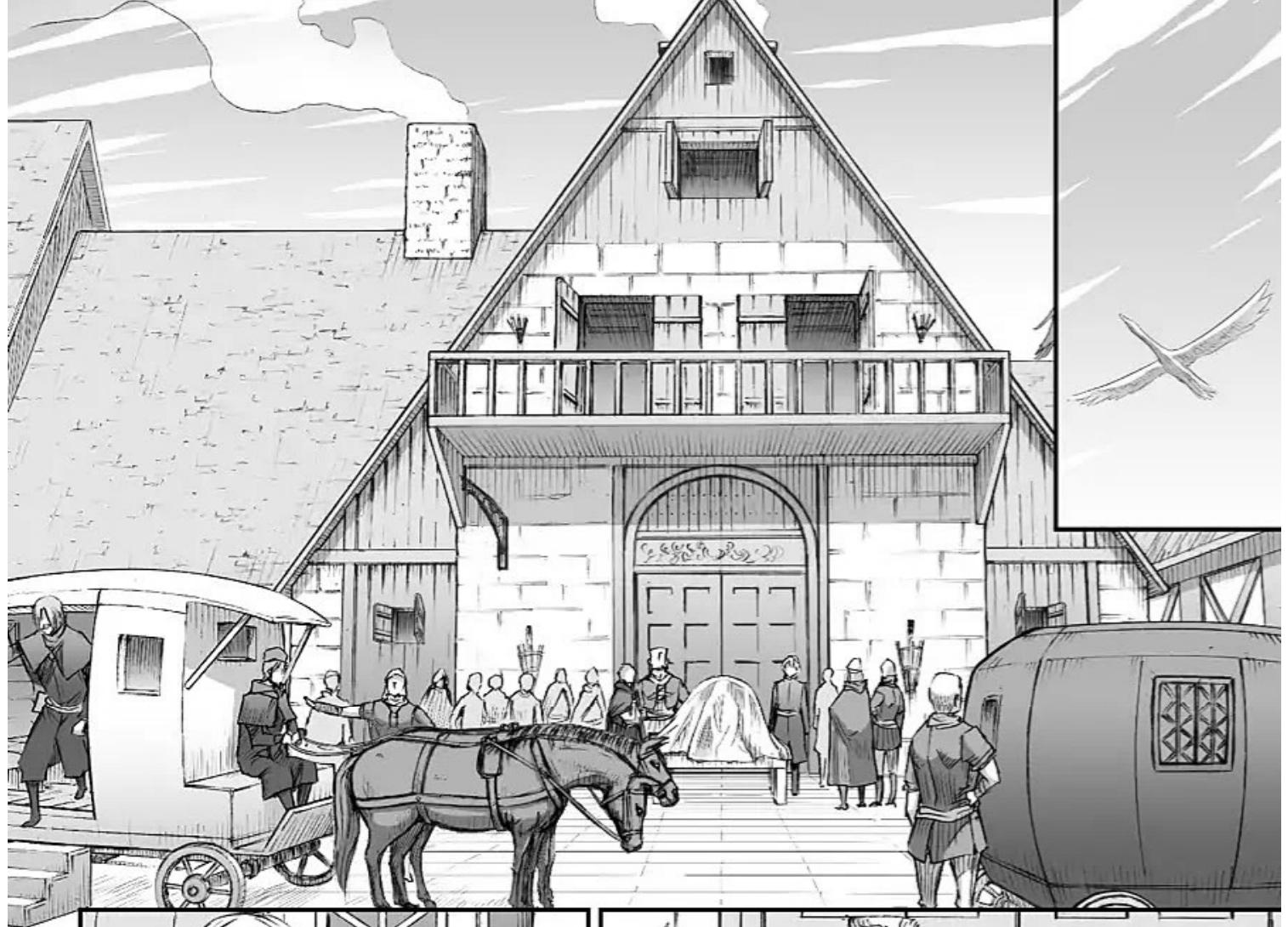
SURE,
YOU'VE
CERTAINLY
BEEN
PLUMP
LATELY.

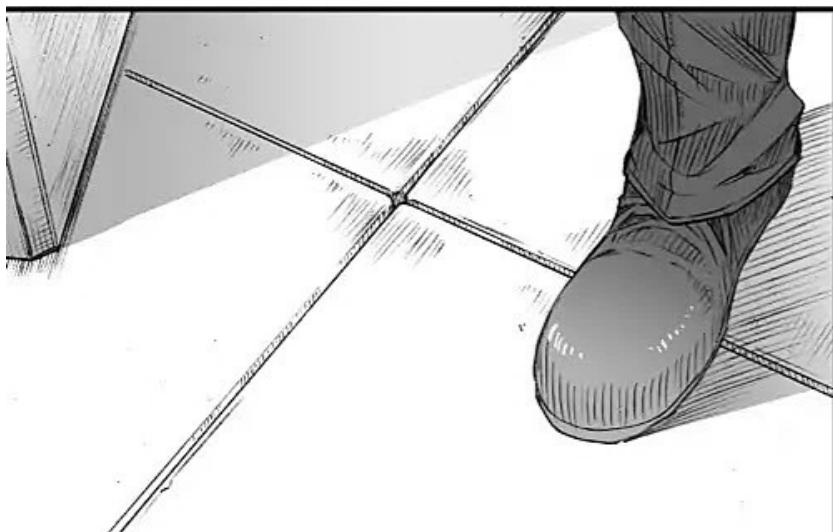
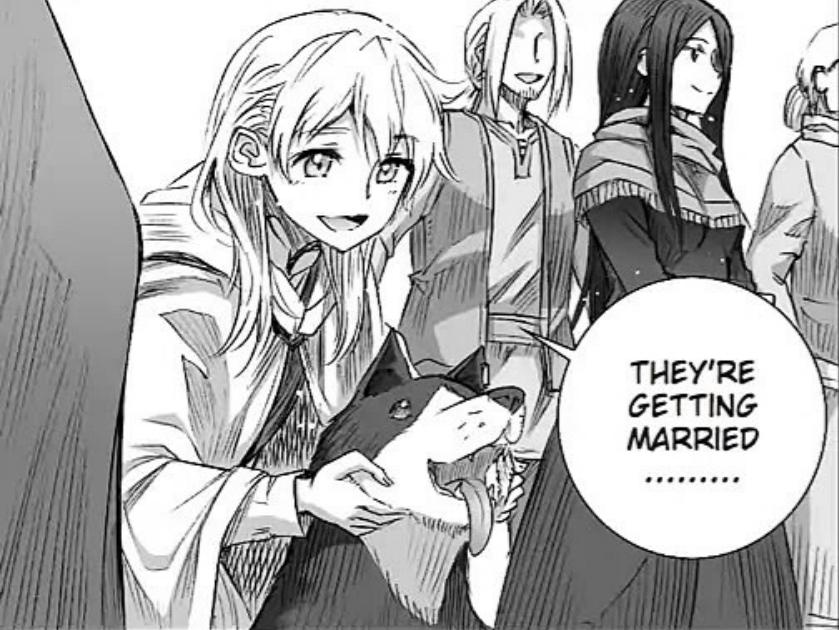
TH...
THANK
YOU.

GOOD
WORK.

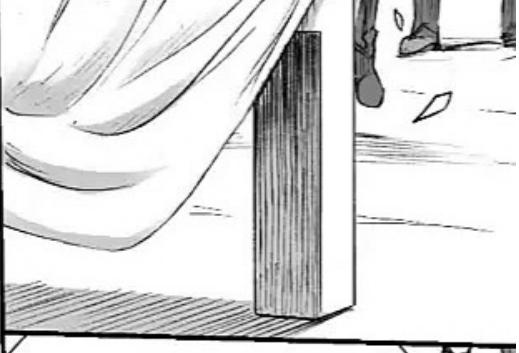
It's...it's
nothing...

WH-WHAT
HAPPENED
!?











YOU
NEVER
ASKED THE
REASON I
INVITED
THEM.

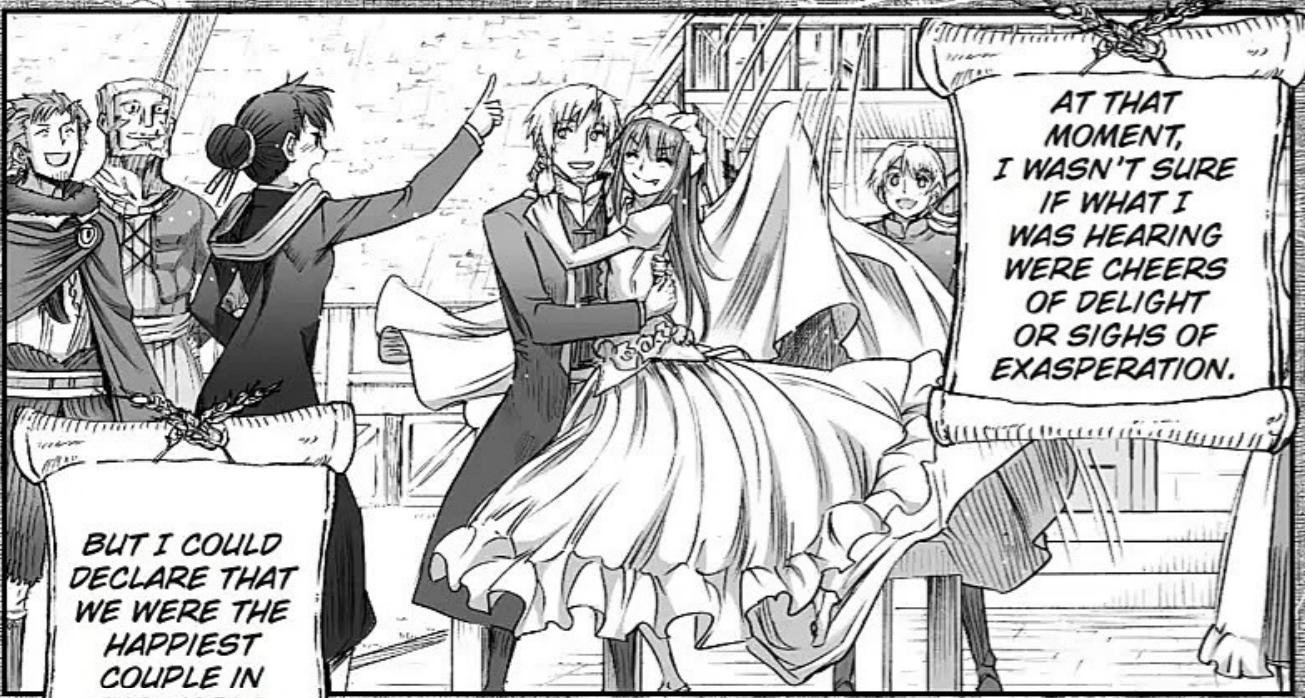
OH...YEAH,
I REALLY
RACKED
MY BRAIN
OVER IT.

NOW !?

EH-HEH.
OF COURSE
YOU DID.



IT'S
BECAUSE
SHE
WANTED
TO
BRAG.





AFTERWORD

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
READERSHIP
FOR
TEN LONG
YEARS!

KOUME
KEITO.

HELLO, THIS IS
KOUME KEITO.
I'VE FINALLY FINISHED
DRAWING ALL ONE
HUNDRED CHAPTERS OF
THE MANGA VERSION
OF SPICE AND WOLF
OVER TEN LONG YEARS.
I GIVE MY THANKS TO
THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR,
HASEKURA-SENSEI,
AND EVERYONE WHO
SUPPORTED HIM.

THE STORY IS STILL
ONGOING, ACTUALLY, SO
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK
AT HASEKURA-SENSEI'S
WOLF AND PARCHMENT.
FINALLY, I DECIDED TO
MAKE ONE OF HASEKURA-
SENSEI'S ORIGINAL
SHORT STORIES FROM
HIS ILLUSTRATION
COLLECTION INTO
A COMIC.

I HAVE DECIDED
THAT THIS IS
AS FAR AS MY
GOALS GO.
I WOULD BE
DELIGHTED IF
YOU READ IT.

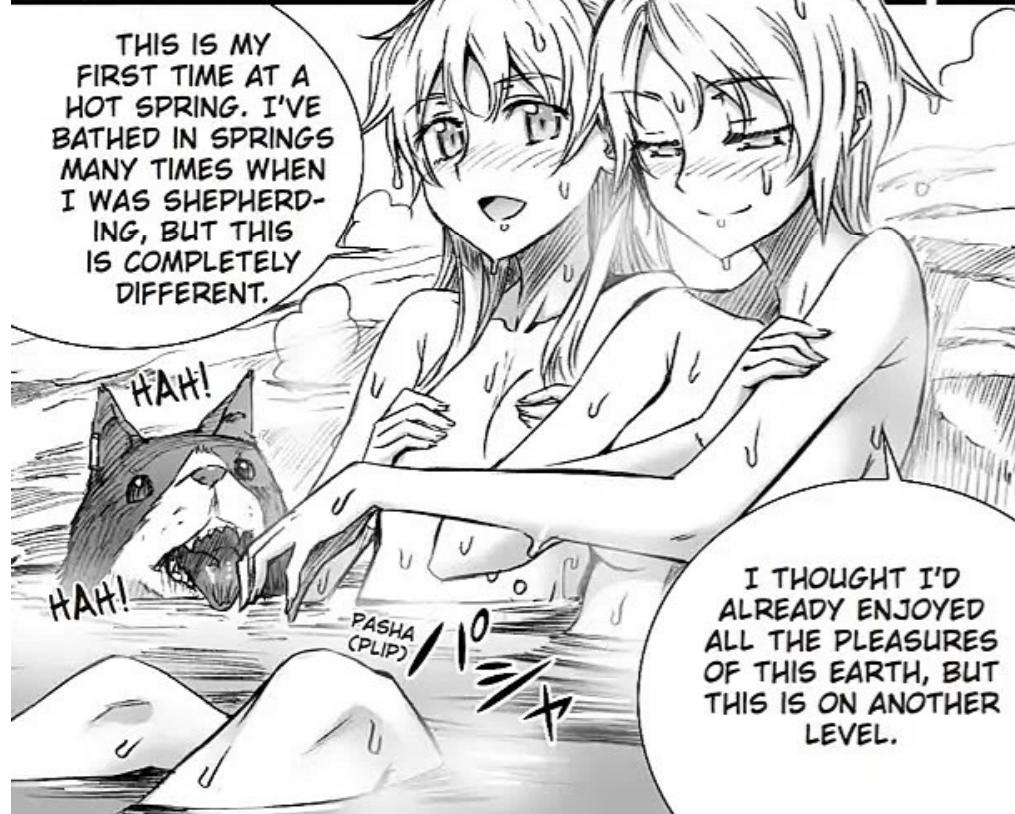
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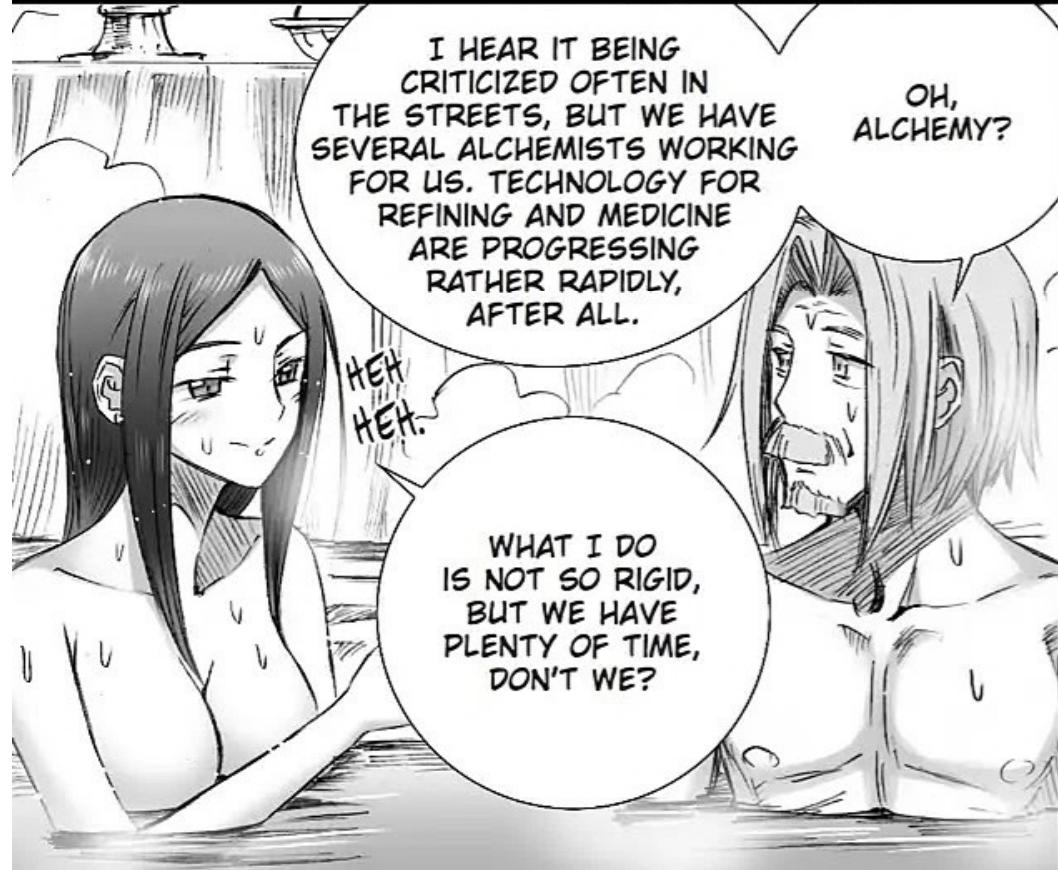
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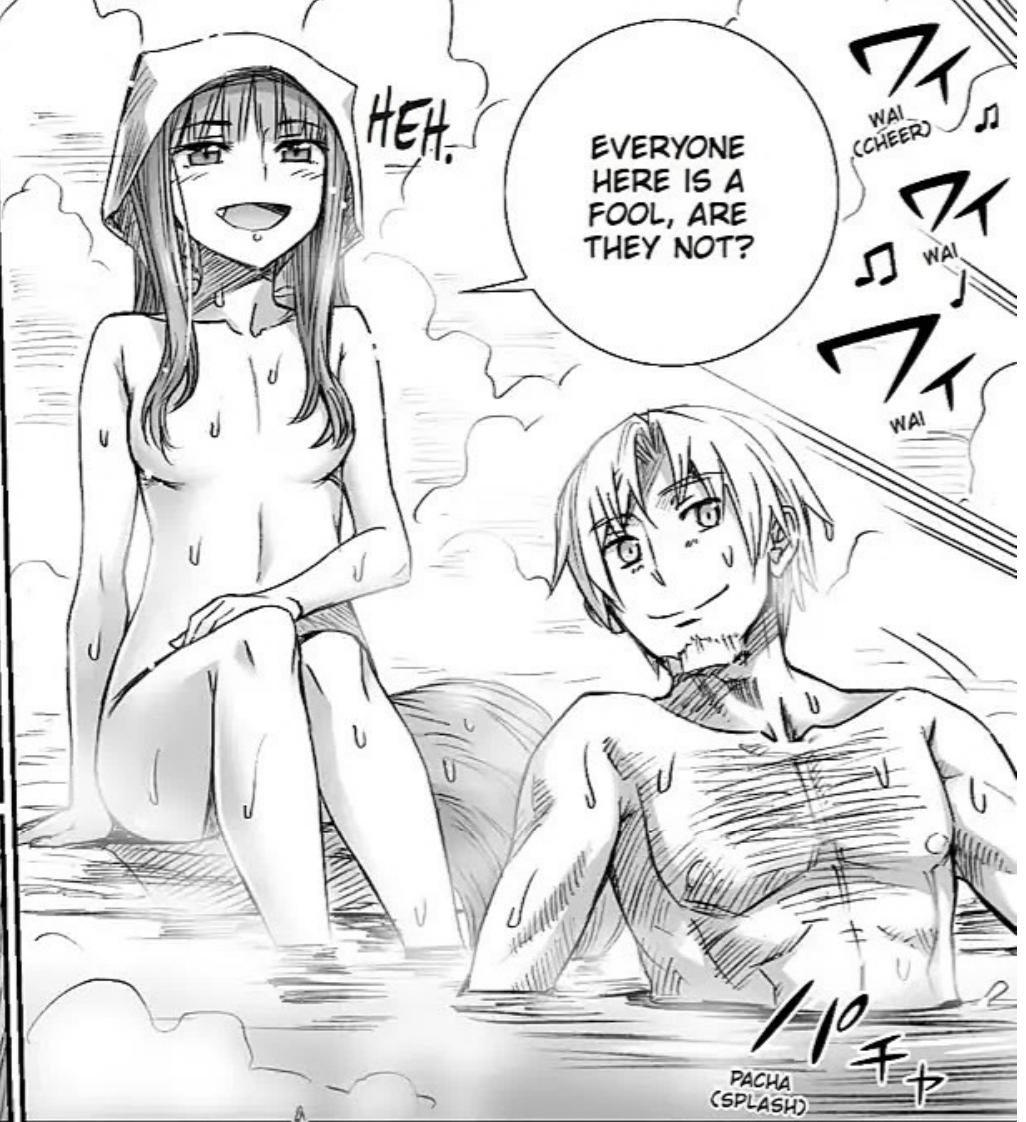
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RAINBOW MUSIC AND WOLF









KEITO KOUME-SENSEI,
CONGRATULATIONS!
PARTWAY THROUGH YOUR WORK,
I STARTED ENJOYING IT NOT
AS THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR
BUT AS A READER. AND SO
AS THIS JOURNEY COMES TO
AN END, I FEEL EVEN MORE
DEEPLY MOVED THAN I DID
WHEN I FINISHED WRITING
IT ON MY OWN. YOUR UNIQUE
TOUCH AND PORTRAYAL OF
EVEN THE SMALLEST OBJECTS
GAVE DEFINITE DEPTH AND
WIDTH TO THE WOLF
WORLD. THERE IS NO
GREATER HAPPINESS
I CAN ASK FOR AS THE
ORIGINAL AUTHOR THAN HAVING
SUCH A LONG SERIES
BE DRAWN WITH
SUCH GREAT
PASSION
UNTIL THE
VERY END.
THANK YOU
SO MUCH!

KEITO KOUME-SENSEI,
CONGRATULATIONS ON FINISHING
THE SPICE AND WOLF COMIC! AS ONE OF
YOUR READERS, I WAS TRULY HAPPY TO
WATCH YOU BREATHE LIFE INTO THE WORLD
AND STORY OF SPICE AND WOLF FOR OVER
TEN YEARS. I BELIEVE THAT I FELT LIKE HOLO
AND LAWRENCE'S JOURNEY WAS STILL
CONTINUING DESPITE HOW THE ORIGINAL
NOVELS WERE ALREADY COMPLETED WAS,
WITHOUT A DOUBT, BECAUSE OF KOUME-
SENSEI'S COMICS. I FINALLY FELT LIKE
THEIR JOURNEY HAD REACHED AN END WHEN
I SAW THE WEDDING SCENE IN THE LAST
CHAPTER, AND I COULD SQUARE THOSE
FEELINGS AWAY (EVEN THOUGH THERE WILL
BE A START TO A NEW TALE...). I FEEL SO
TOUCHED RIGHT NOW THAT MY WORDS AREN'T
REALLY COMING TOGETHER—I'M SORRY.

I PRAY THAT WE CAN SEE YOUR HAPPY
HOLO AND LAWRENCE AS
THEY SPEAK FONDLY
OF EACH OTHER AGAIN
ONE DAY. YOU HAVE TRULY
CREATED SOMETHING
WONDERFUL. THANK
YOU SO MUCH!!



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